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# Once

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Population  
Seniors: 667  
Juniors: 613  
Sophomore: 585  
Freshmen: 614  
Staff: 218

Students arrive at school early on a cold winter morning. Students either walked, took the bus, drove or were dropped off each morning, rain or shine, cold or warm. Most students envied the day they would be able to drive themselves to school.

Photo by Sabrina Drescher



The stadium filled with cheering fans during a fall football game. The stadium was a central point to the social and athletic rhythm of the school. Student gathered at games to cheer on their teams, but also to socialize with friends outside of class, to eat good food and to celebrate their experience as Bobcats. It was the place where champions were made, teams were built and friendships matured.





# Once

, for a moment in time, 667 Battlefield seniors bonded through tragedy and success; 613 juniors lost friends to the opening of the new Patriot High School; 585 sophomores set the standard as the strongest academic class in the history of the school; and 614 freshmen began to create their own story as Battlefield Bobcats.

Along a high school career there are those singular moments when you take the next big step. There is a decision that will change the course of your life; a moment when you agonize over the choice of classes for the next year; the instant that you sharpen a pencil to prepare for that one big test; the evening you get all dressed up for your first date with that one special person; that giggle with your new best friend in first block; that exhilarating realization that you have won the championship; that one second of anticipation as you open the acceptance letter from your first-choice college.

There is that one moment that will change everything about who you are, about what you will do, about where you will go, about who you will go with. You change, mature and commit to your future.

Once in awhile, you make a memory that you will never forget, and it is then that you realize you are, and forever will be a Battlefield Bobcat.

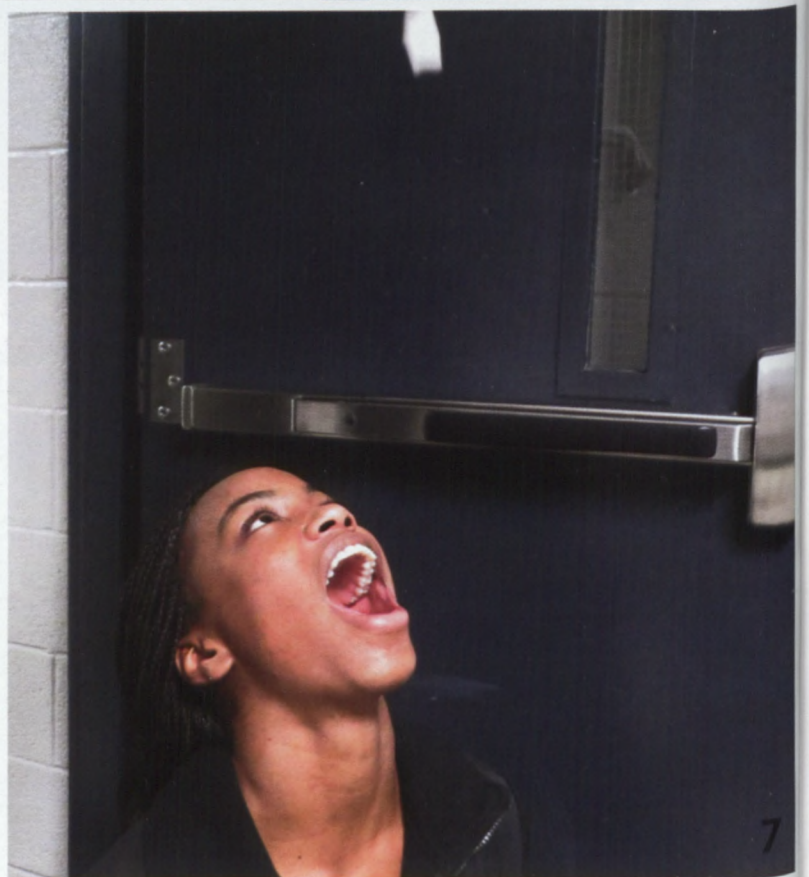
~ Allyson Keeney and Kelli Herr







When asked if she had an odd habit or something unique to her, Sophomore **Meryem Murphy** responded, "I can lick my elbow," and gladly showed her peers during lunch. This unique talent is something unknown to everyone but those who really know her.





# If Only You Knew the Truth...

Once You Really Know Me



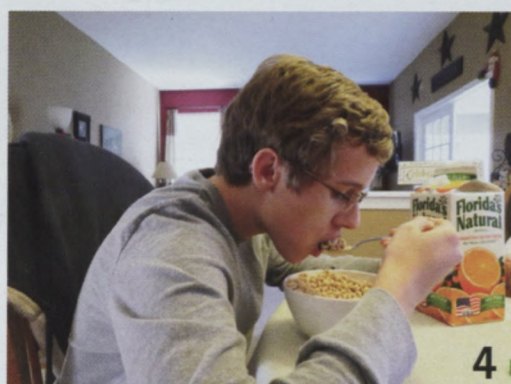
How often do people question the secret lives of those who sit next to them in class? Or those they see walking in the hallway? Students often do not go into detail about their fears, obsessions, or unique qualities, so it might have come as a surprise what they were willing to reveal.

"I text while in the shower," said sophomore **Lauren Milloy**. As technology has advanced teenagers found it more and more difficult to leave it out of everyday activities. Technology made some social interactions become more difficult, such as the interactions between freshmen and seniors.

"I like to fart on freshmen," said senior **Gameli Avor**. What may have seemed like a rude gesture was actually **Avor's** friendly welcome to new players on the football team. Athletic students had more to worry about than initiation rituals.

"I flex everyday to see what I have to work on," said sophomore **Micah Quarles**. As athletes became more active, there was more competition. Everyone had their secrets, but once two people really get to know one another, they were amazed by what they found.

~ Courtney Key



1. Seniors **Michael Hanlon** and **Scott Ratigan** face off in the hallway for a possibly intense battle. "We like to do ninja moves in the hallway," said the seniors. This was something many onlookers found to be extremely entertaining, and those who knew them well were ready for combat.

2. Freshman **Sydney Murphy** is preparing her mindset for an upcoming volleyball game. "For good luck I put my volleyball shoes in the freezer and squeeze lemon juice on my kneepads," said the freshman. Murphy had learned this ritual from past teammates and coaches.

3. Sophomore **Arion Pierre's** secret passion is the look of her future husband, **Drake**. **Pierre** added, "I kiss my **Drake** picture every morning." She believed that his picture would bring her luck throughout the day; only those closest to her knew of her obsession.

4. Freshman **Brian Leake** enjoys his breakfast on a calm and relaxing day. "I eat my cereal with orange juice instead of milk," said the freshman. Many people had commented on **Leake's** strange habit, but he considered it normal, and something only his close friends knew and understood about him.

5. Sophomore **Corrie Murray** has a much needed lunch after her fifth period class. She goes on to say, "I can only chew in even numbers, I'm really obsessed with even numbers." This is something that even many of her close friends had not known before.

6. Sophomore **Kameron Hedgepeth** checks to make sure his appearance is always sharp. "I can rip my shirt and I look at my butt in the mirror before going to bed," said the sophomore. **Hedgepeth** enjoyed looking at his own reflection, and this was something people quickly learned about him.

7. Senior **Erika Harrington** finds interest in the oddest situation. "I like to spit my gum in the air and catch it in my mouth," said the senior. The peculiar talent of **Harrington's** had never crossed her mind as something strange or unique.



# Seven a.m. Social Hour

## The Bell Strikes 7

Early each morning, the school was buzzing with students. They crowded every corner, classroom and hallway, including the library.

"At least 200 kids come and let's say maybe 50 kids don't study. They play, horse around... They're here to socialize and they get a little loud," said librarian **Ms. Craven**. Students turned to the library when they needed a place to finish last-minute homework or to meet up with their friends.

Expect the unexpected in the library too, "once, we had a security guard come in who jumped three feet in the air because he was scared of the *Twilight* cutouts," said **Mr. Lazer** of the life size character cutouts in the library.

Not everyone was excited and ready to start their day. Sophomore **Jayne Ross** said that at 7 o'clock, she was "on the bus, listening to music, fighting the urge to sleep." Sleep deprivation was a battle students faced each morning.

Close by the cafeteria was the nurse's office, which was especially busy on Mondays. The nurses were prepared for the weekly rush, **Nurse Fairbanks** said, "On Monday mornings, [students with their weekend] ailments flood through here with [their] paperwork. More kids do seem to go home on Mondays..." It was not uncommon for students to come down with a case of the Monday morning blues.

Speaking of the blues, kids in band class or marching band gathered with their friends in the band room. Those who did not spend their time sitting and talking roamed the halls.

Freshman **Stephen Tian** said that around 7 o'clock, he was "wandering the halls aimlessly. I haven't been to the third floor 'pool' yet, but I would love to go," he joked.

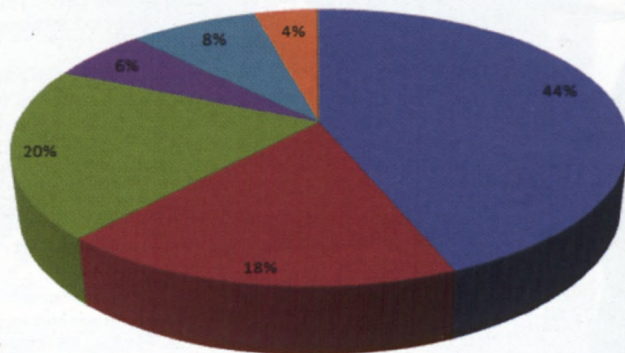
Besides the "pool" on the top floor, one of the hottest spots to be was the girl's bathroom. It was packed so tightly that there was barely any room to breathe as girls fought for mirror space to fix their hair and makeup.

Before the bell signaling the start of the school day, students could be seen desperately cramming in as much social time as possible. The purpose of school may not have been for socializing, but it was the reality in the halls before the bell struck 7.

~Jenna Presta



■ Hallways ■ Library ■ Cafeteria ■ Classroom ■ Bathroom ■ Other



Students were polled at random about where they liked to be in the mornings. These are the results transferred into percents. Sixty-four percent said they hung out in the hallways, cafeteria coming in second place with twenty percent.





1. Students of all grades gathering in the cafeteria. They came to do homework, eat, and socialize with friends. The cafeteria served delicious breakfast foods each morning to students looking for a quick meal.

2. Students in Madame Clemence's first period talking to friends before the bell. Once the bell rang, they returned to their seats for class. A number of students hung out in their homerooms before the school day actually began.

3. A group of students relaxing and preparing for the upcoming day. "At 7 o'clock, I'm usually in the alcove drinking tea," said junior Kirsten Whitney. Here Whitney and her friends gathered in "the alcove," which is the space by the auditorium's stage entrance.

4. Students blocking the hallways by the cafeteria as they talk to their friends. At the warning bell, the students began to get to class. The masses of students gossiping in the halls made them almost impossible to navigate in the mornings.

5. Sophomore Janay Brown getting ready to log onto the computer. Once students signed up for a computer they could use it until the warning bell. This was a great way to keep up with homework.



# Best 26 Minutes of the Day

## Lunch Tables

The majority of students would agree that lunch was their favorite time of the day. Lunch means sitting around with friends away from the stress of homework, classwork and teachers. There were such a variety of students at the lunch tables that the conversations varied widely depending on the table and people.

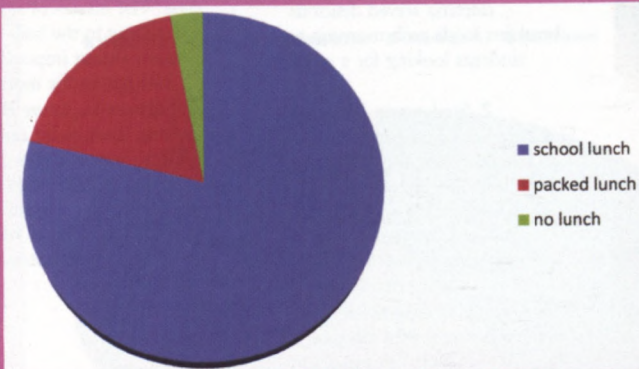
Freshman **Olivia Boyd** expressed to her lunch table, "I normally talk about how I want a three legged dog because I want to help an animal that no one wants." According to **Boyd** there was never a dull moment at her "odd day" lunch because, "The people I sit with are funny."

Some students even had group therapy sessions while at lunch. Freshman **Brooke Harris** calls friend **Brian Leake** the "Doctor Phil" of the group. Others, like sophomore class president **Sofia McDaniel**, said, "We talk about our friends and what just happened."

~ Imani Key



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A survey taken by the yearbook staff showed that the majority of students at Battlefield High School bought school lunch rather than bring lunch from home. When asked why they choose school lunch over bagged lunch the most common answer was because of the convenience. Few students wanted to wake up earlier than necessary to make a lunch, when they can purchase one prepared by the fabulous cafeteria staff, fondly known as the "lunch ladies."



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1. Seniors Daniel Lopez, Monroe Arcia, Chase Heatwole, and junior Sommer Porter sharing a well needed laugh during lunch. The students were showing off their pink for breast cancer awareness month. Senior Shawwna Bohannon said, "Lunch is the time for me to laugh, relax and eat with my friends."
2. Senior Kayla Stewart sits at lunch and reviews over notes that she has taken in class. Students often took the time out of their lunch to study or get homework done. Lunch-n-Learn was also provided, a teacher run service where students can go and get help from teachers during their lunch period.
3. Junior Sarah Swinsky stands in line to pay for her school lunch.

Although there were many lunch items offered, including peanut butter, pizza and subs daily. However, most students could not wait for "Stromboli Thursday."

4. Juniors Daniel Gardezabal and Anthony Rodinelli sit together and eat their packed lunches. Lunchtime, for many, was a time and place where they could relax and not worry about school. For these young men, they were able to talk about their weekend and what they have planned.

5. Students eating during 'D' lunch while drinking Sobe Life water and other delicious, thirst-quenching drinks offered by the school. The meal variety in the cafeteria allowed students to experiment with their food choices. Despite the variety of lunches offered, some students preferred to bring a bagged lunch to school.



# Cheer For Your Year

## Pep Rally

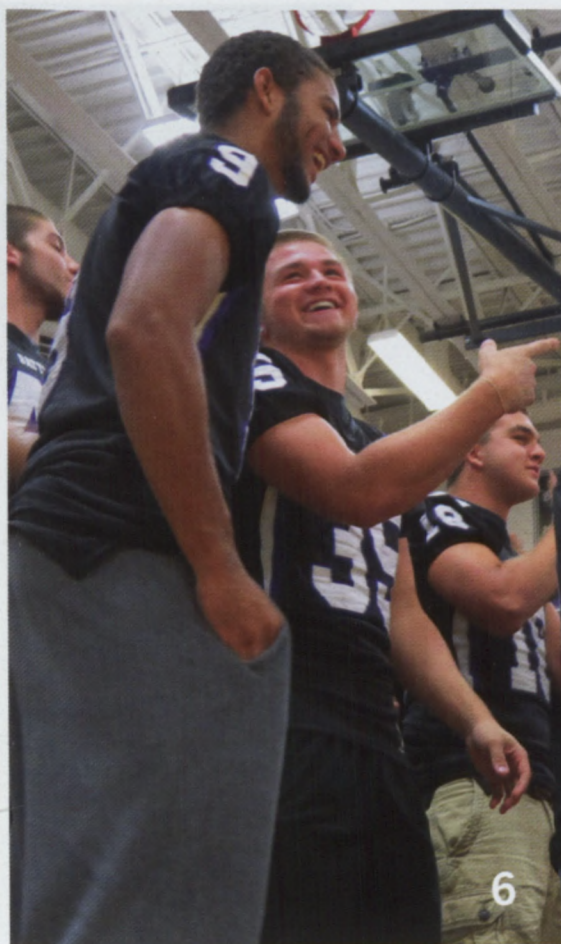
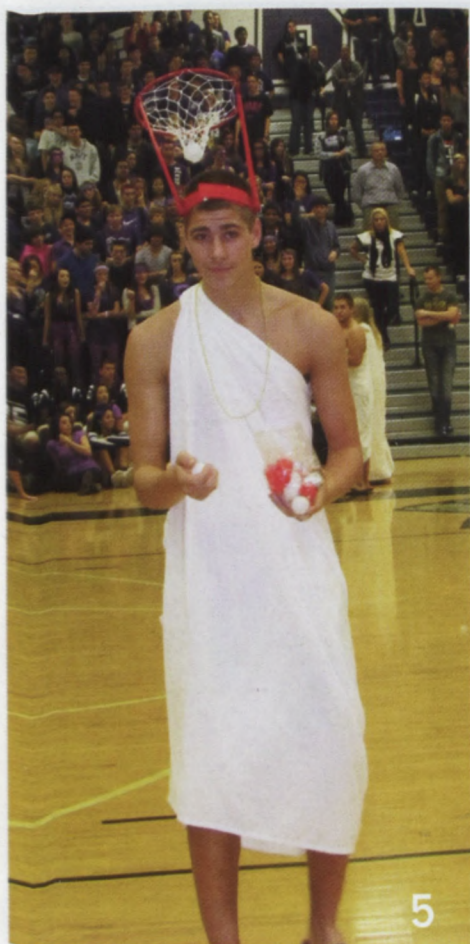
As class colors flooded the gym, students prepared for another exciting pep rally full of dancing, singing, and cheering. With performances from the Cheerleaders, Dance Team, Drama Club, and Marching Band, school spirit flooded the building. Each class was given the opportunity to express themselves and show their enthusiasm towards their classmates and the anticipated Homecoming football game. "Being with friends and seeing so many unique performances made for a memorable first pep rally," freshman **Zac Kerxton** expressed. Leading the Pep Rally, senior SCA president, **Madison Setness**, took the time to recognize all of the fall sports teams and members, as well as the 2012 Homecoming Court. Competitions and games motivated students to show support for fellow classmates and teachers. Although pep rallies only came once a year, the BHS student body was sure to make them memorable. ~Rachel Kerxton



1. Senior SCA President **Madison Setness** hosts the pep rally. She led the crowd in a series of games, chants, and competitions. She coordinated many of the events and contributed to an hour filled with bobcat pride and spirit. 2. Sophomores **Jason Lew**, **Cody Higa-Toma**, **Huy Nguyen**, juniors **Samuel Park**, **Bryan Quach**, **Thien Dao**, **Joseph Cho**, **William Rhee**, **David Lee**, and senior **Aaron Yang** collaborate with the Drama Club to put on an astonishing break dance performance. Through weeks of hard work and practice the boys managed to wow the crowd and get them off their feet. Their performance made this pep rally a memorable one. 3. Seniors **Austin Thibodeaux**, **Ryan Swingle**, **Brandon Dukeman**, and juniors **Castel Zuniga**, and **Austin Goins** lift senior **Bucky Potter** in excitement as the football team is called to the floor. The team was recognized for their achievements throughout the season. The cheers and chants from the crowd helped to motivate them for the homecoming football game later on that evening. 4. Senior **Elena Patchan** leads the cheerleaders in a "Go Bobcats" chant to pump up the crowd. "Being able to perform and get the crowd involved is an awesome feeling," Senior cheerleader **Mikayla Kyle** expressed. The cheer team never failed to put on an exciting performance. 5. Senior **Todd Jorgenson** participates in a competition amongst the classes. The representatives from each grade raced to see who could collect the most ping pong balls in their hat. The event allowed students to show their pride and spirit for their class. 6. Seniors **Nick Newman** and **River Piercy** laugh as they watch their teacher **Ms. Augsburger** compete in a tricycle race. **Augsburger** was chosen to represent the senior class as the teachers faced off for the championship trophy. Though their teacher did not win, the boys cheered her on until the very end.







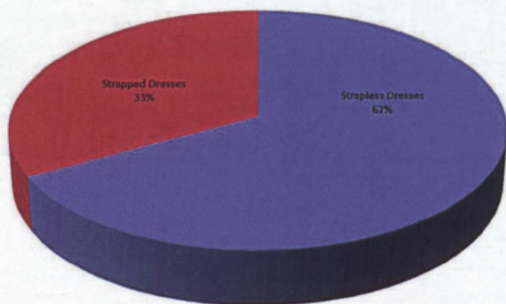
The dance team kicks off another successful year at BHS with a spectacular Pep Rally performance. Through performances at sporting events, parades, and various competitions, where the team's dedication and hard work were truly highlighted. At the 2012 Dance Champs Competition the team took home first place in the variety category, second place in the kick category, and third place in the officer category. Their achievements did not go unnoticed as they provided exciting and animated entertainment at each and every event.





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**Strapped Vs Strapless Dresses**



Fashion was a big part of the high school experience, especially for Homecoming. This pie chart shows the percentage of girls who chose strapless dresses versus the percentage of girls who chose dresses with straps. 67% of girls wore strapless dresses, while 33% wore dresses with straps.



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# Once Upon a Dance

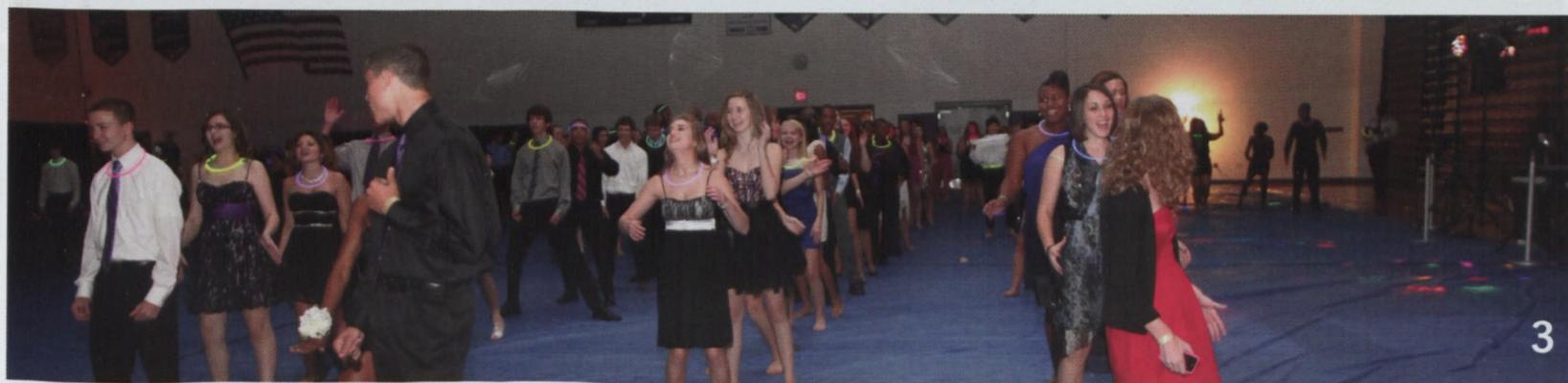
## Homecoming



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Homecoming was a special night that would never be forgotten. The theme for the 2012 dance was "Get Animated!" and the school was decorated accordingly. Castles, glitter, and cartoon characters added to the atmosphere. Students left their personal belongings - even their shoes - in the auditorium and hit the dance floor immediately. Sophomore **Laura Alan** said she came for "Dancing with my friends and getting to see everyone all dressed up." Some groups took a long time to get ready; senior **Caylin Dawson** and her friends said, "It probably took [us] about two and a half hours [to get ready], because we were giggling and being girls." While some were getting dolled up with friends, others were getting ready for a date. Sophomore **Madeline Holbrook** said, "My boyfriend got his appendix taken out the day before, so he wasn't allowed to dance, but he still came for me." Regardless of how long it took to get ready, what they wore, or who they went with, the 2012 Homecoming Dance was an unforgettable experience.

~ Jenna Presta



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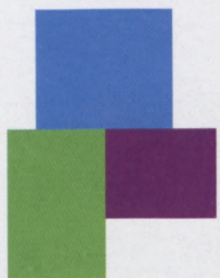
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1. People dance and mingle in the gym. The DJ kept an exciting atmosphere going all night long. "The DJ played 'Gangnam Style,'" said sophomore **Paula Grivas**, "and that was the most memorable [experience of the night]."
2. Lightning McQueen from Disney Pixar's *Cars* stands ready to greet people. "Get Animated!" was the theme of Battlefield's 2012 Homecoming Dance. The SCA and SCA delegates spent hours decorating the cafeteria after school to make it a special night for everyone.
3. Students find their friends and take to the dance floor. The gym was packed with groups of people dancing the night away. That night everything from "Teenage Dream" to "Mercy" was played.
4. Class of 2013 Homecoming King and Queen **Aaron Guo** and **Kolbi Doss** share a dance. It was **Doss's** fourth year in a row being nominated for the homecoming court. However, for marching band member **Guo**, it was the first time being elected.
5. Senior **Kassandra Krivo**, freshman **Alexis Sambuco**, senior **Mikayla Kyle**, and junior **Leigh Hall** dance for hours. Girls with heels had to dance barefoot so the gym floor did not become damaged. Despite this, the dance floor was packed until the end of the night!
6. The party continues as people let go and have a good time. Whether with dates, old friends, or new friends, everybody made memories that night. Dancing with everyone made the 2012 Homecoming Dance an amazing night for all who went.





# Who's Got Spirit?

## Spirit Week

Spirit Week was not just any normal week, but one that Battlefield students looked forward to all year. It was a favorite for many and helped students get excited for the homecoming game and dance. Spirit Week allowed students to express themselves and to have fun trying to interpret each day's theme differently.

Senior **Karenna Friedl** stated "Spirit Week allows me to really dress weird and wacky. It also gives me a chance to come out of my shell." Bobcats had a reputation in the district for their wide student participation in spirit week and were often known as the most spirited school around.

~Tori Kushner



Seniors **Jordan Best**, **Taylor Trace** and **Kolbi Doss** catch up after school in the commons and admire each other's wacky outfits. They all said that Class Color Day was their favorite because they got to wear togas and celebrate their last year of high school with all of the seniors.

1. Seniors **Kelli Herr** and **Tiffany McKay** dress as Phil and Lil from Rugrats for Twin Day. McKay stated, "I love how close it makes everyone and how we all don't care what everyone thinks!" The anticipation of seeing what other people were going to wear for Spirit Week was nearly as fun as actually dressing up. 2. Freshmen **Katie Cologne** and **Calvin Porter**, along with sophomore **Claudia Febres**, chat during math class as they anxiously wait for the bell. Febres said, "Wacky Day is my favorite because everyone goes all out and the outfits people wear are just hilarious!" Students were always so excited at the end of the day during Spirit Week because that was when everyone got together to laugh and enjoy each others' costumes. 3. Senior **Karenna Friedl** winds down during Spirit Week to focus on her class work. Classes did not stop during Spirit Week. It could be hard to focus with all of the colors and excitement in class, but students were just as eager to go to class as they were to dress up. 4. Seniors **Emily Cramer** and **Katie Piccione** compliment each other's Disney Day costumes during oceanography class. Cramer stated "Disney Day is my favorite because I am able to dress as my favorite Disney character and express myself." Disney Day let many students re-live the days of dressing up of their childhood days.







The Ice Rave dance was set up by the SCA as a fun place to go and dance with friends after the white out basketball game against rival Patriot High School. Everyone who went to the Ice Rave dressed up in white; the SCA placed black out lights in front of the DJ causing the white to glow.



# A New Tradition

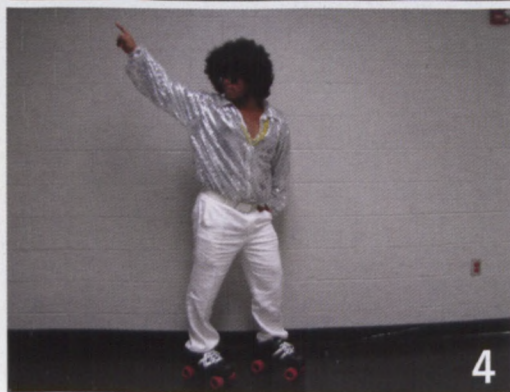
## Winter Spirit Week

For the first time in many years, the Winter Spirit Week, pep rally, and dance were recreated to commend the hard work of winter athletes and to help support the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. SCA member junior Yusuf Siddiqui said that, "Theres a break between homecoming and prom and we wanted something to re-energize school spirit." Due to inclement weather Winter Spirit Week days were split up into two weeks. Senior Chaz Burton said, "I was really excited for another opportunity to show school spirit and dress up."

Many students decided to dress up to show off their school spirit at the pep rally.

"I hope that there will be a second spirit week next year so it can become a tradition," said senior Connor Schweizer.

~Emma Wedemeyer



1. Mr. Cunningham and a sophomore representative, compete in a musical chairs game during the winter pep rally. Special guest Boxer from WMZQ was there to talk about the St. Jude's Challenge against Patriot High School. The gym was packed with students excited to celebrate winter sports and the end of midterms. 2. Seniors Ricky Aguilar and Zack Kakol as well as junior Colby Riley dress up for Alter Ego Day. Aguilar and Kakol dressed up as surfers and they supplied sun screen and boogie boards to be incorporated. Colby was dressed up as a nerd, sporting a tucked in plaid shirt, high waters, and a bow tie. 3. Junior Connor O'Brien and senior Stan Muckerman dress up for When I Grow Up Day. O'Brien was dressed up as a crocodile hunter while Muckerman was dressed up as a track star. As children, O'Brien had a long living dream to become an adventurous hunter, while Muckerman had dreamed of winning many races as an incredible runner. 4. Senior Michael Toman dressed up for Throw Back Thursday. He dressed as if he lived in the 70s. Toman wore a disco suit and roller skates and skated down the hall. Toman said, "I enjoyed Winter Spirit Week better because there were better days, I hope there's another one." 5. Spirited members of Da Den dressed in white and held up signs spelling "Let's Go Bobcats" during the white out basketball game against Patriot. The stands were filled with students showing their school spirit. The basketball team loved playing when the stands are filled and they could hear fellow classmates cheer.





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Above pictured left to right: Seniors Brandon Attiliis, Michael Sullivan, Tyler Beans, Ryan Shelton, Connor Schweitzer, Patrick Gough, Cameron Maples, Michael Hanlon, Scott Ratigan, and Tom Brady cheer with excitement to encourage the boys varsity football team.



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# Purple Pride Stands Out

## Da Den Senior Class of 2013



Da Den consisted of some of the most spirited boys and girls of the Senior Class of 2013. To many students, Da Den was seen as an inspiration and a way to show their support and school spirit. Senior **Ryan Shelton** described his feelings toward the group. "Being in Da Den gives me an outlet to express the burning love for Battlefield High School, that I keep trapped deep within my soul," said **Shelton**. Students would have thought he was joking around, but fellow Den member senior **Connor Schweitzer** could not agree anymore. "To me, being in Da Den means expressing your soul and school pride through bone crunching chants and excitingly intimidating rituals," said **Schweitzer**. At this school almost everyone was full of school spirit.

Being in Da Den was a legendary position. Underclassman would have looked at Da Den and be excited and pumped up to be apart of the legacy in the near future. Senior **Brian Eybers** was once inspired by Da Den at a young age. "I have always wanted to be in Da Den since my freshman year and I enjoy hanging out with all my friends at the games," said **Eybers**.

Da Den was highly important to the senior class and to senior **Brandon Attiliis**. "Da Den means being in a 'brotherhood'. It feels really good to be in an exclusive group like this," said **Attiliis**. The intimidating chants and rituals will always hold an everlasting bond with the group.

~Paige Kyzer



1. Seniors **Tyler Beans** and **Connor Schweitzer** get pumped up before the game by banging on powder layered drums. This was an annual ritual for Da Den members. They would all gather before games and get painted up and go crazy. The Senior class of 2013 had a great year!
2. Pictured Left to right: Seniors **Margaret Bean** and **Taylor Trace** cheered on the bobcats to a glorious victory. "The energy we share is extremely exhilarating and I love to cheer on the football players! GO TEAM!" said senior **Emily Burtch**. Da Den's pride was outstanding.
3. Waving Da Den 2013 flag proudly senior **Taylor Kerxton** is pumped up and ready for the game. Some freshmen really wish they could be a part of this exclusive senior group and they desperately want to be painted up their senior year. "Since my first Battlefield football game I have always wanted to be in Da Den. It looks like a lot of fun and you really get to show your school spirit and hang out with friends all at the same time," said freshman **Kyle Best**.
4. Senior **Nicole Cery** enjoys coming to the games and being apart of Da Den. "Da Den is a crazy time all together and everyone is really spirited. We have a lot of fun!" said **Cery**. All Den members would agree that Varsity Football games are a blast!
5. Da Den was buzzing with excitement and adrenaline and Senior **Kaitlyn Arnold** was feeling thrilled that her team was winning. **Arnold** loves being involved with Da Den, "It is really great to be with everyone and hanging out while cheering on the sports," said **Arnold**.
6. Sitting on Den members' shoulders, seniors **Scott Ratigan** and **Cameron Maples** blow the horn and scream chants to help the football team to victory. "Da Den gets me pumped up before the games and when we enter the field I always hear them cheering. They are extremely loud and I think they help intimidate the other teams" said senior football player **Brandon Dukeman**.
7. Senior **Ryan Shelton** is screaming his lungs out cheering for the football boys. But school spirit is not limited to seniors so freshman, **Zack Jones** believes he has what it takes to be a future Den member. "I want to be in Da Den when I am a senior because it shows school spirit at games and it really shows the sport teams that you care. I also think it would be really fun to be in the group" said **Jones**.







# Ridin' Dirty

## Student Cars



Although many students may walk, take the bus, or hitch a ride to school every morning, Battlefield upperclassmen take pride in their rides! Senior, **Ziena Kobrosli** drove her 2003 Ford Ranger every day after receiving her license during her sophomore year. From joy rides, going out to eat, and trips to and from school, **Kobrosli** grew extremely attached to her car, "Hector," and even began to be recognized by the car itself. **Kobrosli** was devastated when her truck was totaled in a small fender bender. It was later replaced by a 2008 Toyota Camry. "No car could ever replace the memories I shared with Hector," **Kobrosli** expressed.

Students spent a great deal of time moving to and from different locations in their vehicles. New or old, each one had a different story to tell.

~ Rachel Kerxton



1. Junior **Matt Dooley** stands next to his 2013 Scion TC. He received it as a gift from his parents. **Dooley** enjoys showing off his car knowing that it is a limited edition and one of only two thousand ever made.
2. Senior **Taylor Trace** sits atop her 2012 Nissan Altima. After driving a hand-me-down car from her sister for the past year, she was rewarded with her own ride. "My favorite part about my car is the Bose sound system, so it cranks," **Trace** expressed.
3. Senior **Courtney Dotterer** lays across her 2006 Ford Mustang. **Dotterer** received her car as a surprise Christmas gift her sophomore year. It has been the greatest gift she has ever received.
4. Senior **Cameron Maples** stands inside the bed of his 2004 Nissan Titan. His lifted truck is his most prized possession. **Maples** enjoys going mudding when he is not working or at school.
5. Senior **Shannon Bassham** hugs her 2004 VW Beetle. "I love being able to ride with the top down when the weather is nice," she explained. Best known as the "punch buggy", **Bassham** is recognized by her signature ride.
6. Senior **Ryan Keenen** shows off his Hummer H3. "I did a lot of mudding in my truck after the most recent hurricane," shared **Keenen**. **Keenen** enjoys doing many activities and traveling many places in his car, including his favorite stop, Chick-Fil-A.
7. Senior **Gameli Avor** takes pride in his 1989 Toyota Camry. His car holds sentimental value and was passed down to him. Although his car is over twenty years old, it gets him where he needs to be!
8. Senior **Anthony Smith** shows off his classic Chevy Corvette. Smith's bright red car turns heads where ever he goes. Known not only for its sleek and modern look, its powerful engine adds to his admirable ride.







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## Moving Mountains



Senior Miranda Stevens snowboards at the Massanutten Ski Resort. As a Minnesota native, Stevens grew up on the slopes. She and her family take frequent skiing trips throughout the winter. Although during her senior year Stevens was a Virginia resident, she was lucky enough to still have an opportunity to pursue her passion.



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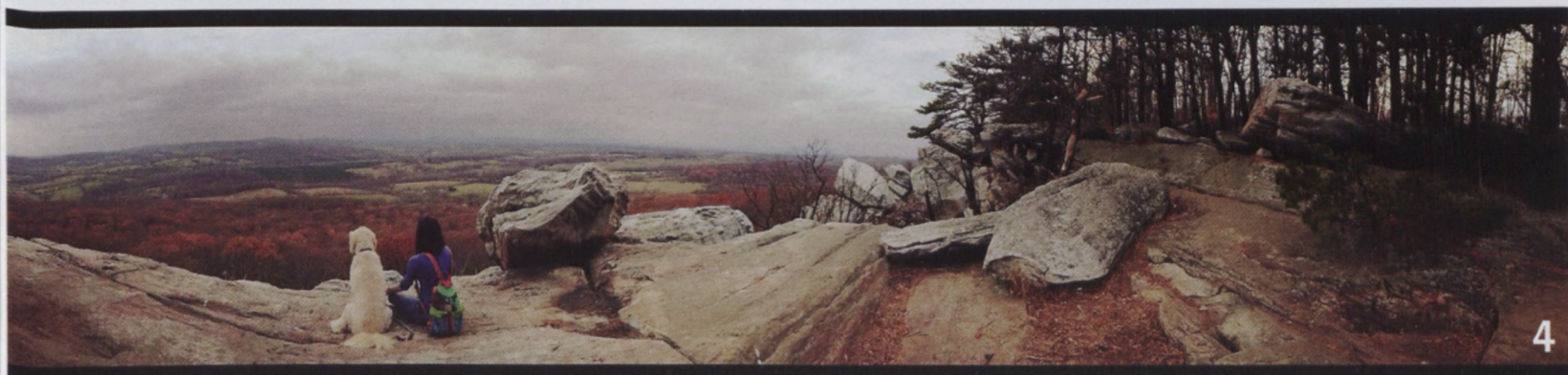


# Tis' the Seasons



Through the rough winter storms, hurricane days, thunderstorms, heat advisories, and plain rainy days, Battlefield students knew how to have fun. Throughout the school year, students got together and hung out no matter the season. In the fall, it was all about football, hiking, and going to pumpkin patches. Winter was the season of cheer, ice skating, baking cookies, watching holiday movies, wearing Christmas Sweaters, and visiting the national tree. When spring rolled around, almost everyone can hardly sit still for summer, and that was when senioritis really kicked in. College applications were done and nerves start to take over the body as seniors wait for their acceptance letters. Spring brought in the need for that perfect "beach body" in preparation for summer. And when that day of 75 degree sunshine with no rain was when the shorts come out and the windows went down. From then on school did not stand a chance in the battle for students attention against the call of the beach. Summer was time for fun in the sun, country music concerts, summer nights, pool days, and being out all day and night with friends. For most of the Seniors, this was the last time everybody would be together before people started going their separate ways and heading off to school.

~Imani Keys



1. Seniors Kelli Herr and Tiffany McKay spend a summer day at Kings Dominion. The best friends stopped by the water park to cool down. "I love the water so much that I got a mermaid tattoo on my back," McKay explains.

2. Senior Margaret Bean visits the pumpkin patch in October. Bean, along with senior Taylor Trace purchased decorative mini pumpkins on their trip. The girls got into the fall spirit, participating in many activities at the pumpkin patch.

3. Senior Shannon Puebla kisses the sun on a nice fall day. She spent her day at the historical Manassas Battlefield. Puebla enjoyed photographing the beautiful scenery.

4. Senior Kelly McGillivray and her dog Fox sit on the edge of a cliff and relax after a long hike up the mountain. McGillivray went on daily adventures on the land near her house, the mountains, and Silver Lake. Being a natural risk taker, the exercise that comes with her adventures is just a bonus.

5. Seniors Jade Davila and Caitlin McDermott play in the sand in the Outer Banks, North Carolina. The girls spent the week together soaking up the sun last August. "I love going to the beach every year. Its been a tradition in my family since I was five," McDermott shared.



# Get Outta Town

Within 15 Minutes  
of BHS

Once the dismissal bell rang, students sprinted to their cars to beat the buses and escape the long school day. Since the last thing they wanted to do was more homework right after school, they had to find ways to occupy themselves around the little town of Haymarket.

As senior **Ziena Kobrosli** said, "You can always find something to do around here, you just have to look for it."

When students started to explore, they found everything they hoped for and more. Though most claimed "there is nothing to do around here," there were plenty of activities for students to engage in.

Junior **Karen Taylor**, a National Horse Vaulting Champion, knew first-hand that the hay in this market was not just for horses. After students opened their eyes and minds, they were able to truly appreciate everything this area had to offer.

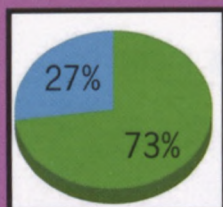
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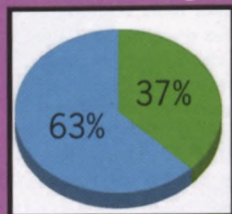
## Student Preferences

Students choose their favorite places to visit after school

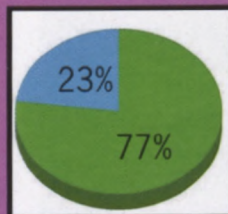
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1. The father of sophomore **Kristin Gobbi** smothering his daughter with a big bear hug. Everyone was having a great time at the opening of their family's new frozen yogurt shop, KuleYO's. Substitute teacher and owner **Faudia Gobbi** stated, "KuleYO's is all about community and Battlefield is our main focus."

2. Junior **Karen Taylor** gracefully performing acrobatic skills while riding her horse, Friscoe. She had practiced twice a week, since the age of eight, in a barn owned by her mother's friend. Her hard work and dedication paid off when she was named the 2009 Kentucky Nationals Trot Women's champion.

3. Senior **Todd Jorgenson** is stranded in the middle of Silver Lake in a sinking inflatable boat. He struggled to get to shore before he was completely soaked.

**Jorgenson** enjoyed visiting Silver Lake with his friends because it felt like an escape from Haymarket, despite being right around the corner.

4. Sophomore **John Litscher** juggles the puck in preparation to shoot a goal at the ice rink located in the old 84 Lumber. Athletes from Battlefield and Patriot joined forces to create the Ice Cats hockey team. **Litscher** stated, "It is cool that they have a local facility for us to practice in together as a team since most of us play on leagues which practice much farther away."

5. Senior **Madison Setness** enjoys the view of town after her two-and-a-half mile hike. The Bull Run Mountain peak was a hiking hot spot for many students. **Setness** stated, "When I'm at the top I have a feeling of empowerment. I love it!"



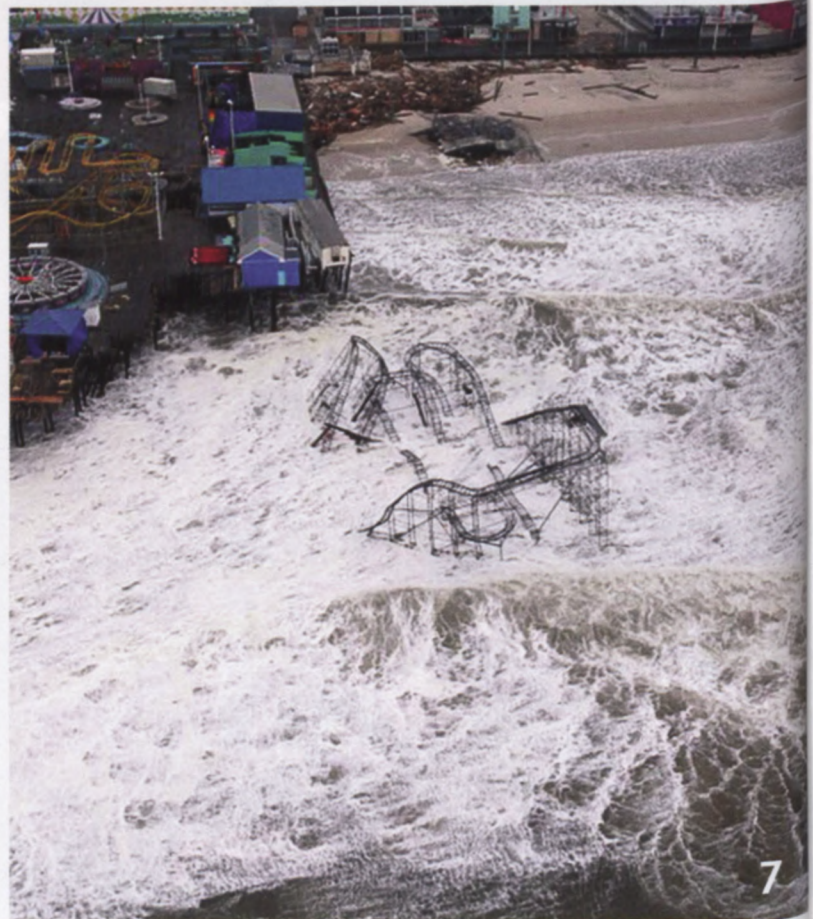


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## Snow Days



Senior **Kerstenn Marrero's** favorite part of winter was the chance of snow days. "I wake up at one in the afternoon to eat bagel bites and watch episodes of *Doctor Who*," she explained. Snow days were excellent opportunities to catch up on work or get some much needed rest. Physics teacher **Kevin Marsh** said, "I watch *Friday Night Lights*, clean the house, and usually just catch up on grading." Loved by students and teachers alike, snow days provided a welcome break during hectic winter schedules.



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# The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

## Natural Disasters



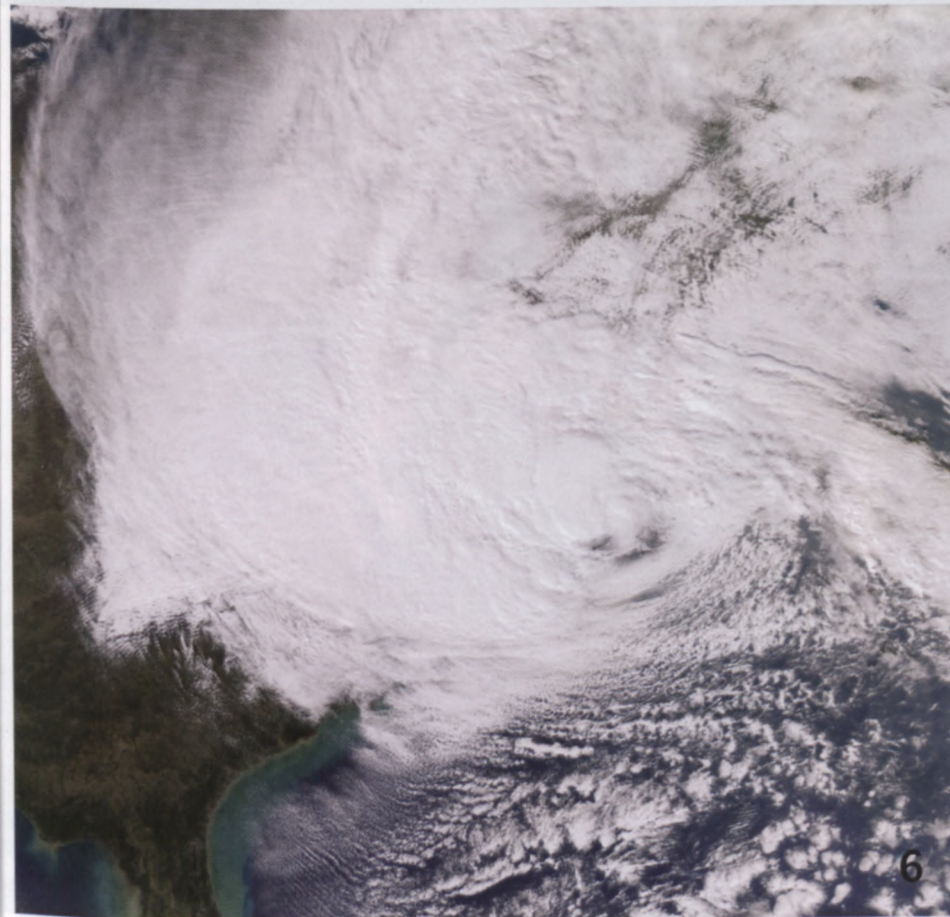
The school year brought many surprises, and Mother Nature made no exceptions. Between snow storms and torrential downpours, the community grew closer by weathering the storms together and took action to protect themselves and each other from harm. Hurricane Sandy was the second most costly hurricane in American history and the most nerve-wracking experience for many on the East Coast. "I was working at Giant during Sandy and the entire water and ice aisles were completely empty," commented senior **Tyler Beans**. The country also experienced widespread snow storms that made their way to Northern Virginia in February and March.

Although the storms did bring destruction, they were also teaching experiences for many. "Natural disasters make people realize what is truly important to them and bring people together," said senior **Amber Kozacek**. The storms that Northern Virginia experienced resulted in a stronger community overall.

~ Jordan Tesar



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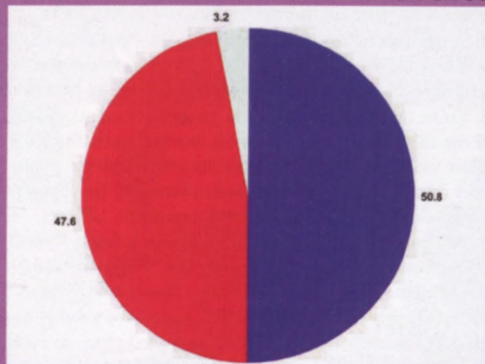
Credit: NASA

1. Lightning strikes near the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Storms brought rain, snow, and sometimes thunder storms. The thunder that Hurricane Sandy brought to Prince William County was strong enough at times to cause houses to tremble.
2. A tree lays in the street after being knocked down by Super Storm Sandy. Fallen trees proved to be a problem in the community as some landed in busy roads while others landed on or near houses.
3. Snow quickly accumulates in neighborhoods close to Battlefield. Some areas in Northern Virginia received more than eight inches of snow while the Nor'easter made its way across the states. Students all over Prince William County were affected by the heavy snowfall, especially those living in mountainous areas.
4. A car sits abandoned in the middle of a flooded street. When it was not snowing this winter, it was raining. The rain brought by Sandy caused some of the most destructive floods seen in years.
5. Snow piles on top of a car. The inclement weather impeded traffic greatly. The slick roads and thick snow led many to avoid driving and even leaving their houses during the storm.
6. Hurricane Sandy hangs over the East Coast. Satellite images provided the opportunity for many communities on the East Coast to prepare for the storm. Several neighborhoods in Northern Virginia found themselves without power and many people in other states had to be evacuated from their homes.
7. Hurricane Jersey destroys a New Jersey boardwalk, leaving a roller coaster in the ocean. The boardwalk, made famous by the popular reality TV show, Jersey Shore, represented the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. The lone roller coaster represented the strength of the citizens of New Jersey, especially those who were heavily affected by the storm.



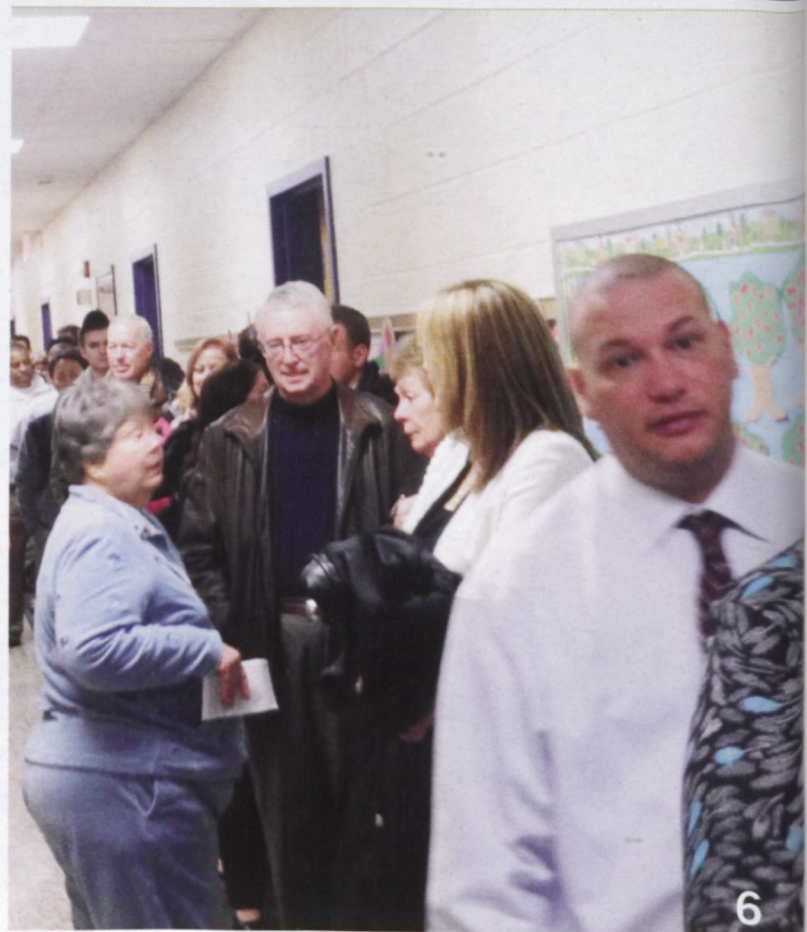


## Presidential Election Results



The pie chart above illustrates the spread of popular votes in the 2012 Presidential Election. Obama won with 50.8% of popular vote, Romney closely trailed behind him with 47.6%, and third parties received the other 3.2% of the vote.

While the election did not change who held the Presidential office, some states made significant statements in their policies. The same night, California reaffirmed the death penalty. Maine, Maryland, and Washington legalized gay marriage. Colorado and Washington legalized the recreational use of marijuana for those over the age of 21.





# Looking towards the future

## 2012 Presidential Election

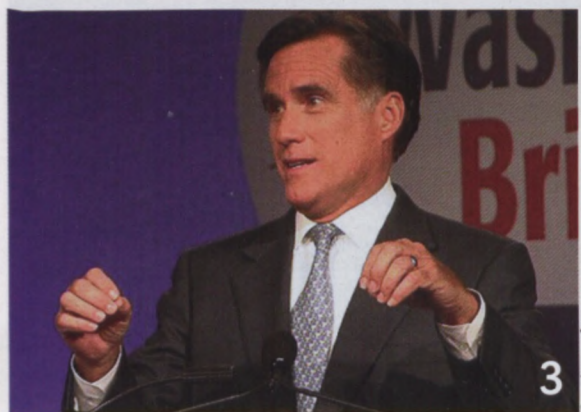


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The 2012 presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney was said to be an election "too close to predict". On November 6, 2012 voters flocked to voting booths to cast their ballots. Senior Emily Cramer had her first chance to vote, "I actually voted because I cared [about the outcome]. It was exciting to hear the different opinions of the people in line."

Although Senior Jeneva Weil had a different opinion, "I voted just because I was 18 and I could. The fact that I could vote was exciting but the actual process for me was not." After rising tension, Obama was reelected to office with 50% of the popular vote and 303 electoral votes.

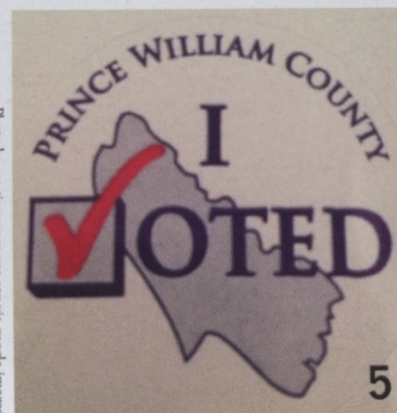
~Samantha Riedl



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1. Seniors Ryan Keenen and Milan Newson stare each other down as opposing candidates Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Newson said, "I almost cried when I voted because I was so happy to actually make a difference in my future." To some the 2012 election was life changing.

2. Seniors Austin Moody and Luciano Legnini take advantage of their free time in art class to make a poster reminding students of age and teachers to vote in the election. Although they stated they could vote themselves, they wanted to remind others to do so. The poster was hung in the hallway for people to read and encourage people to vote.

3. On October 29, hurricane Sandy hit the eastern shore of the United States. This storm caused presidential candidate Mitt Romney to cancel his appearance at Battlefield High School on the 28th. Many people asked if the cancellation would effect the presidential race. Sophomore Natalie Morrow and her mother Tonja said, "Totally understand the cancellation. The rally was going to be a supportive event, not a decision maker! People know who they are going to vote for. The weather doesn't change that!"

4. Barack and Michelle Obama stand waving to the public at the eastern ball. Obama won the 2012 presidential election with 50.8% popular vote and 332 electoral votes. With that being his last term, people waited to see where his leadership would take America.

5. On election day, 72% of Prince William County voters went to cast their ballots. Senior Daphne Aguirre said, "I actually watched the debates and Obama stood out to me." No matter who the students voted for, it was a once in a lifetime chance to cast their first votes.

6. Seniors Megan Villavicencio and Lauren Ferstl debate in the hallway about which candidate is best. They were asked to debate about what they believed in. Being best friends it was hard for them to keep straight faces while arguing the issues that were important to them.

7. First time voter senior Stuart McVey photographed anxious voters standing and waiting in long lines for their opportunity to vote in the 2012 presidential election. Media such as Inside Nova reported that the lines had been recorded as the "longest they've ever been in decades." The long lines varied from a few minutes to a few hours while people went to vote, some polling stations were even kept open long after polls were supposed to close.





# Battlefield Gives Back

## Service To Community

Volunteering and Community Service provided great opportunities to help and interact with those in the neighborhood and beyond. Many students at Battlefield contributed to the by taking part in and volunteering outside of school. Junior **Daniel Sloss** enjoyed having an impact, "Being an Eagle Scout involve community service and demonstrating leadership qualities." For his Eagle Scout project he built the viewing tower in the driver's ed lot for the Marching Band to use.

Another student, sophomore **Amber Hayes** contributed by volunteering at the 4-H Rainbow Center in Manassas. The center offers therapeutic horseback riding for children with disabilities. **Hayes** said, "I had not been riding or around horses in a while, so I thought it would be a good opportunity and it would be nice to help out kids with disabilities." **Hayes** was not the only one who wanted to help children.

Freshman **Gabriella Schloss** helped out others by being part of Haitian Angles Leadership Organization (HALO). This organization raises money that goes to children in Haiti. HALO is part of another organization called HHA, Helping Haitian Angels. **Schloss** reflected, "I enjoy volunteering with HALO because to know that the money we raise is going to forty-five kids is the best feeling ever."

Sophomore **Maureen Finnan** contributed to the community by taking care of homeless cats in the area. She volunteered with Prince William/Raleigh County Animal Rescue through PetSmart. This animal Rescue finds permanent and foster homes for homeless cats. **Finnan** commented, "I started volunteering with the Animal Rescue because I wanted to contribute more to my community." By helping animals, she not only helped the human community, but the animal one too.

Sophomore **Maria Contreras** also got involved within her community by volunteering at the Gainesville neighborhood library located in Long Park. At the library she helped put away books and check them out. **Contreras** said, "I enjoy volunteering there because I like the environment and the atmosphere of the library."

Students impacted the community around them by volunteering and participating in in a variety of ways. These students used their free time to get involved, taking one day, one hour or one activity to make a difference in the lives of others.

~Ciara Russell



Junior **Gabrielle Reilly** went to Workcamp 2012. This group of workers went to West Virginia and renovated homes for low income families. "We were assigned to a team of 4 teens, 2 adult leaders, and one contractor." said **Reilly**. While having fun at the work camp, she also was able to help others. They worked on building decks, and replacing windows and doors in order to help struggling families rebuild their homes. **Reilly** chose a fantastic way to help others; it was worth all the work and time when she saw the joy on the family's faces.

~Ciara Russell







1. Sophomore Maureen Finnan plays with kittens while taking care of the homeless animals. She volunteered at PetSmart as often as she could. "I love seeing the animals! It makes me feel good to know that I am helping them," she explained.

2. Junior Daniel Sloss works on the viewing tower located in the driver's ed parking lot. He built it for his Eagle Scout project. Sloss said, "I have also done food drives and I have also helped others with their Eagle Scout projects."

3. Sophomore Amber Hayes rides a horse. This was one of the horses she worked with at the 4-H Rainbow Center. "I liked volunteering there because I was able to be around horses," said Hayes.

4. Freshman Gabriella Schloss cares for a child in Haiti. These kids were a few of the children that Schloss and many others raised money for with the HALO organization. Schloss said, "I have volunteered with HALO for two years and I work with the organization for at least an hour a week."

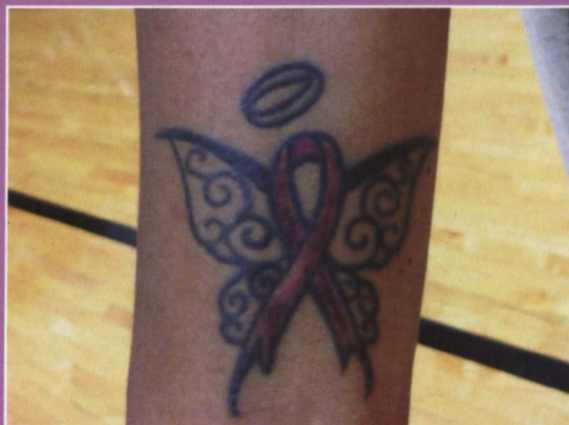
5. Sophomore Maria Contreras restocks books to their proper place in the shelves. She volunteered at the Gainesville Neighborhood Library. Contreras said, "I have been volunteering at the library since the summer of my seventh grade year." She found that volunteering helped her feel connected to her community.





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Which teacher's tattoo is this?



- A. Mr. McMillan
- B. Mrs. Homan
- C. Mrs. White
- D. Ms. Starkey

Answer: Mrs. White



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# Pretty In Ink

## Students and teachers tattooed



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Most of society saw tattoos as a rebellion against the world, but getting a tattoo meant so much more than that. They represented family, deaths, courage, love, or inspiration. Senior **Quinn McKee** did not care about what society thought about him. "Society does not bother me. I just wanted to show off my heritage and tattoos to the world," said **McKee**.

To Spanish teacher **Mr. Bretsch**, his tattoo was not regrettable, but rather memorable. He had a dog who meant the world to him and he wanted to remember him. "Kibbles was my puppy... my dog. He got sick with cancer and died. I just want him close to me, that is why I got, and love, my tattoo," said **Bretsch**.

Getting a tattoo came with the price of pain and Junior **Allison Heinzer** knew exactly what that pain felt like. She got a Bible verse on her rib cage and said, "I was talking to the man who was checking me in, and I asked him how bad a tattoo would hurt and he said it is not pain... it's more like torture. You can't talk, move, and you just have to take it," said **Heinzer**. Through all the heartache and pain, tattoos have helped their owner stay connected to memories, experiences, and people.

~ Paige Kyzer



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1. Junior **Austin Goins** needs a little bit of a push when it comes to challenging himself. Because of this, he got a tattoo that would help him remember to push through the hard times. "My tattoo means many things, but it really helps me in football. It means I can tackle any play and push through any game and practice no matter what," said **Goins**. Bible verse tattoos helped several people think clearly through rough times.

2. Grandparents always make children smile, especially senior **Clarissa Warlitzer**. "When I was little, my grandmother and I would pick up dandelions and make wishes off of them. My grandma is like my best friend, she is always there for me and I don't know what I would do without her," said **Warlitzer**. Once her grandmother blew the dandelion, it created a memory she made sure she would never forget.

3. Senior **Molly Brinson** has a soft spot for her siblings. "The significance of the rose represents myself because my middle name is Rose. The initials in the leaves are for my brothers and sisters. I got it because I know my family will always be there for me and I will always be there for them," said **Brinson**. Rose tattoos represent beauty, affection, and life. She pulled all those factors together and made it personal.

4. Because her family is so important to her, English teacher **Mrs. Marsh** got a group of stars to represent them. "My stars tattoo is actually covering another tattoo that I had gotten for my mom. But my four stars represent myself, my husband, and my two

children. I covered the tattoo for my mom because I wanted it to represent my mother as the start to my family," said **Marsh**. Stars normally symbolize truth, spirit, and hope, and to **Mrs. Marsh** they meant family.

5. Proudly showing off his mother's name senior **Austin Thibodeaux** got a tattoo for her because she means the world to him. "My mom does everything for me, she has raised me and did an amazing job. She also always supports me at my football games. She even helps me through a lot of personal issues that I struggle with," said **Thibodeaux**. Tattoos were an extremely powerful way to honor a parent or family member.

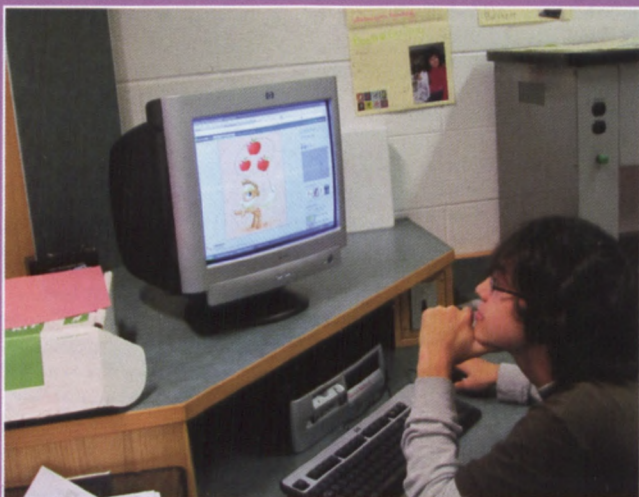
6. Senior **Quinn McKee** really loves to show off his heritage and tattoos. "My tattoo represents my Hawaiian [roots] with the tribal pattern and the wolf represent my birth year on the Chinese calendar. My birthday is in 1994 and that is the year of the dog (wolf)," said **McKee**. It is very common for people to get tattoos of their nationality or heritage to show the world that they are proud to be who they are.

7. IT teacher **Ms. Conner** and her younger brother both share a passionate love for music. They even like the same band. "When my brother turned eighteen, we got matching tattoos of our favorite band together; Clutch," said **Conner**. Brothers and sisters generally fight, but these two demonstrated their bond through their matching tattoos.





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Senior Josh Hidayat searches [www.equestriandaily.com](http://www.equestriandaily.com) to explore the daily news of My Little Pony. The addiction developed after his ongoing viewing of the show during his sophomore year. "Friendship is magic," Josh said quoting a reoccurring line in the show.



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# More Than Once

## My Strange Addiction

It only took one sip of Diet Coke, one whiff of a brand new book, or even one episode of My Little Ponies to spark a lifetime addiction in some Battlefield students. Although addictions have often received a negative connotation in society, in reality addictions just made people unique and helped form who they are. As addictions set people apart in a positive aspect, they created division as well. In reference to his addiction to My Little Ponies, senior **Mikey Lewis** talked about peoples' quickness to judge and make assumptions. He said "It's not what everyone assumes it is. They all think it is like tea parties and girliness but in reality it is adventure! It can teach students of Battlefield the true meaning of friendship." Regardless of how it may sound or come off to other people, healthy addictions have helped form friendships and create individuality among peers. ~Emily Irvine



1. Senior **Rachel Kerxton** drinks as many as four to six diet cokes a day. Drinking diet coke was a habit she developed in 8th grade and it became part of her everyday routine. "Stress triggers my urge to drink a diet coke and then it will soothe my nerves," she stated.

2. Senior **Zander Richards** enjoys playing with legos on a day to day basis. He has been interested in legos and all aspects of them since he was a young kid. "When I see other structures, I want to build them out of legos," he explained.

3. **Ms. McClelland** enjoys her daily dose of chocolate. She had many varieties of her favorite milk chocolate that she kept in her desk drawer. "Milk chocolate is an emotional pick me up," she claimed.

4. Senior **Megan Riedl** loves dying her hair different colors such as bleach blonde, brown, black, green, blue, and red tips. She was inspired to change her blonde hair to a darker color, which she always leaned towards. "I am influenced when I smell the hair dye, feel ugly, ready for a change," she

commented

5. Junior **Silu Tang** smelling book pages before she reads. Smelling the book pages always made her feel closer to the book and was a habit she started when she was a little girl. Although, "Sometimes I get distracted by the smell when I am reading the book," she said.

6. Junior **Jeremy Nelson** walks in straight lines everywhere he goes. He hated how it felt to stay outside the lines from the sidewalks outside, and even to the indoor school hallway tiles. "I get anxiety if I do not walk in the straight line pattern," he commented.





Juniors Kayla Bowers and Brianna Bowers were only one pair of the many fraternal twins at Battlefield. Kayla said, "Most people just think we were best friends, not twins." Brianna stated, "Sometimes I even forget I am a twin." As they planned their futures and prepared for college, they faced the decision of where they will go in life. Brianna said, "I could not see myself going to college without my twin." Through thick and thin, they stuck together. They laughed, smiled, and cried together, and they both never hesitated to say, "She is my best friend."





# Not Once But Twice Twins

"The other day, I looked in the [side view] mirror while I was in the backseat of my car, and I thought I was my twin sister, Megan," said senior **Samantha Riedl**. **Samantha** and **Megan Riedl** are twins, and they have shared four classes together during their senior year. In class, there had been some confusion between the two. "Some teachers are calling Samantha's name but they look at me, and I don't answer, and they get mad at me," said **Megan**. Despite the confusion there were still benefits to having a sibling in the same class. "It's like a guaranteed friend to have in class, and not having to worry about anyone else," explained **Samantha**.

Some twins switched classes with each other for fun.

"Well sometimes we switched classes, like twice. No, we didn't get caught," said junior **Yelena Minasyan**. Outside of school, having a twin had some advantages. "One of the best things about having a twin is sharing clothes. We're the same size," said junior **Zhanna Minasyan**.

Being a twin was not always as fun as it seemed. "The worst thing about being a twin was probably the tendency to get jealous when one twin does something better than the other," said freshman **Ryan Fiorenza**.

Despite the downfalls of being a twin, it provided a memorable high school experience for them both to reflect on in later years.

~ Gene Lee



1. Seniors **Emily** and **Madeline Faubert** laughing together over a joke that happened early that day. As twins, they were able to share their high school experience together, especially their clothes. Emily stated, "We share a lot of our clothes. It's like have double of everything."

2. Freshmen **Ryan** and **Justin Fiorenza** talking in the hallways about their English assignment - they both have **Mrs. Peyton**. As these twins started their first year at high school, they were able to help each other through the trials of freshman English, Algebra and World History. These were all experiences they would only live through once, but they did so together.

3. Giving each other high fives, **Hannah** and **Emily Regis** get excited for the annual Pink Out football game. They wore matching outfits to support their team, as well as those facing breast cancer. The team went on to win the game, and raised money in support of breast cancer.

4. Hanging around before class, **Jennifer** and **Jessica Zapata** talk about their day in their class room. They were discussing spirit week, and how much of their individual spirit they planned on showing. Jennifer said, "Jessica is more of the quiet one, and I'm the loud one but I still love her." They decided to wear matching pajamas...only individual colors.

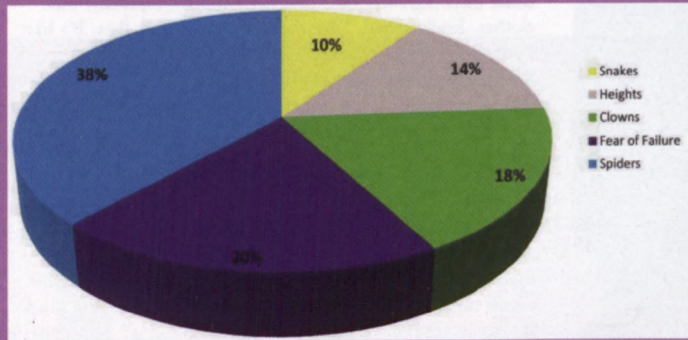
5. Joking around, seniors **Samantha Riedl** pinches **Megan Riedl's** cheeks after school. This was one of many that many ways they showed their love for each other. "Where ever I go, as long as Samantha is with me, it is always a good time," said Megan.

6. Juniors **Yelena** and **Zhanna Minasyan** working together on homework. They shared many classes in their challenging schedule; both students had ambitious goals for college and their careers. They often helped each other with homework, and neither of them minded the extra help on their homework.





Senior Caitlin McDermott was having a normal night during her freshman year. She was lying down in bed trying to go to sleep, but to no avail. She was very itchy and started to worry so she grabbed her laptop and googled what the cause might be. The results suggested a possible bedbug manifestation. When McDermott researched bedbugs even further she became disgusted by the thought of them living in her bed. Her mom did not believe her bedbug theory so McDermott took matters into her own hands. She decided to strip the sheets and covers off the bed and for the next three days decided to sleep on the floor. Even then, she still worried that she was still exposed to the bugs and decided to disinfect her mattress and sheets each night with Lysol. While vacuuming her room, McDermott realized she could also vacuum her bed. She then vacuumed her mattress twice a week, flipping it over to make sure she exterminated everything. By the end of her sophomore year she slowed down and skipped weeks of lysoling and vacuuming. She tried to conquer her fear by lying in bed and not freaking out, even when she was itchy. When she stayed in hotels she made sure to pack her own sheets and washed them thoroughly when she returned. She hoped that one day she could buy bed insurance which would pay for a new bed if it became infested by bugs.



Battlefield featured a big and unique set of students who often held many different phobias and fears. However, when students were asked what their worst fears were, many could not help but agree with each other. Spiders, the fear of failure, clowns, heights, and snakes ranked among the top fears.



6. Senior Kelli Herr was a typical teenager who loved to drive anywhere and everywhere, but had one fear that she thought about every time she went to put the car in drive: drowning while in her car. When she was in sixth grade she saw a T.V. show that featured a car being accidentally driven into a lake and the person in the car was unable to get out. Herr, worried about not being able to get out of her car if somehow it was driven into water, kept a device in her car ready to use in case of this emergency. It was a sharp yellow tool that is used to break windows and cut seat belts. She was most worried during the winter season, because of the slippery snow that made it difficult for her older car to drive in. The lakes would also freeze over and it was difficult to tell when the road stopped and the lake began, causing her to question what she saw.



# Scared Yet?

## Worst Nightmares

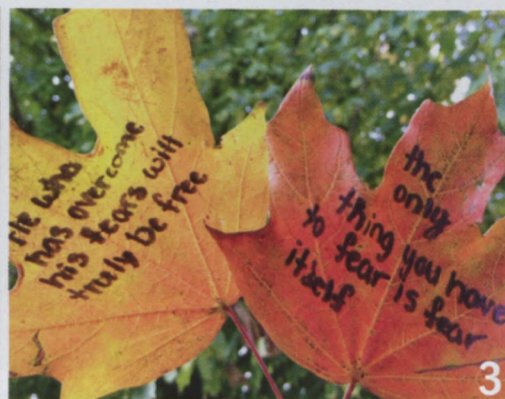
2. It was another ordinary day in pre-school for six year-old senior **Kayla Hewitt**. The teacher decided that the children should watch a movie, as they had done many times before, and directed the older kids pick the movie. She had no idea that the movie she was about to watch would be her worst nightmare. As the lights dimmed and the movie *Jumanji* began, **Hewitt** started to realize that all of her excitement for the movie was in vain. She remembered the other kids enjoying the movie, but all she recalled was screaming during most of the movie. **Hewitt** was especially scared of *Jumanji*'s dark tone and rustic attic setting. She was adamant that she would not want to try to conquer her fear and commented, "No, no, no I would never ever watch this movie again!"

In *Harry Potter*, students were introduced to a creature called a Boggart, who morphed into each individuals' worst fear. Although people did not encounter this magical creature in their everyday lives, their fears are still very real. Some fears or phobias can be connected to one moment in time, when traumatized by an experience or image while others can be completely irrational fears of the unknown. Some fears are destined to be faced, and conquered; others will be a part of that person for the rest of their life.

~Rachel DeVore



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3. These sayings are words to live by to encourage trying unique experiences throughout life. Fear unfortunately plays an active part in the everyday lives of many people. Fears can at times hold people back or cause stress, but can be conquered if challenged.

4. As a little girl, senior **Alexis Vassel** loved to visit her grandparents on their farm in Minnesota. She often played on her grandparents' playground on their farm. The playground featured a swing set and a lonely creaky silver metal teeter totter. The eerie aura of the old teeter totter never bother **Vassel** who used it often. One morning, she decided to go out and play by herself. Once she made her way over to the seesaw, she went to push down on one of the ends. To her surprise, a wasp's nest was planted under it. As if straight out of a cartoon, a black horde of wasps flew after her. She was stung eighteen times before she could run back to find her surprised grandparents in their house. Strangely, she never harbored any fear towards wasps, but she has never gone on a teeter totter since, and always avoids the area on her grandparent's farm.

5. Ever since she was eight years old, freshman **Hannah Morgan** has been terrified of sheep. It all started on fall day, in Leesburg, Virginia, when she and her parents were walking around a petting zoo full of "cute" and "innocent" animals. **Morgan** was unaware of the food she had in her hands, until she was abruptly tackled by a not so innocent herd of sheep. She fell over and the sheep, trying to get the food, pulled at her hair and bit her with their teeth. Since then, **Morgan** was unable to go near sheep and was especially bothered by their beady black eyes and teeth, which she described as "freaky." Thankfully, she did not live in the country, and rarely encountered sheep. If **Morgan** saw a sheep in the distance she tried to ignore them and quickly walk past them, but if she saw one close up she claimed she would run away and scream so they would not bite her.





Pokemon! Gotta catch them all! Junior **Daniel Wonus** definitely caught many people's attention with his fashion statement. **Wonus** loved to create outfits and just be himself. "To me it's fun to dress up and I really like to express myself with outfits of what I like. Pikachu is my favorite Pokemon. It took me about three hours to make this outfit" said **Wonus**. Being different and showing personality and interests made students happier and more confident.





# Dress To Impress

## Fashion Statements At School



Once, many high schoolers swarmed the halls with fashionistas and people trying to make a fashion statement. Many succeeded and expressed themselves to the fullest. Especially freshman **Olivia Boyd**, she dressed to impress and was confident with her style. "I just wear what I like and I really do not care what other people think of me. I believe it is alright to step out of the box and be a little different" said **Boyd**. Being different was good to do and it boosted peoples confident.

Fashion could be uncomfortable, but freshman **Dominic Carlino** loves to stay comfy and cool. "My favorite clothing item to wear to school is a sweatshirt; it is really comfortable" said **Carlino**. Sweatpants and sweatshirts were extremely popular during exams. For most students being comfortable during exams was the way to go.

Fashion statements were hard to create for many, but senior **Milan Newson** believed otherwise. "My style is very classic because I want to create an original cute look. Also, not caring what other people think of your style builds confidence and that definitely helps your outfit. I am also a fan of dressing cute, yet comfortable" said **Newson**.

Classics never die, and they will still be around for a long time for one reason: they are cute! Dress well, dress classy, be the one and only 'you'.

~ Paige Kyzer



1. Left to right: Sophomore **Alexis Swingle**, Sophomore **Michaela Sedlak** and Freshman **Shea Swingle** talking in the hallway during their lunch period. They enjoyed wearing boots and fashionable outfits because it made them feel invincible.

2. Junior **Seth Schrader** enjoy a casual but neat look, with faded comfortable jeans and a nice button up shirt, paired with a casual t-shirt. This look was great for students who did not want to look sloppy, but not too dressed up either. **Schrader** chose this outfit often and was known for his relaxed style.

3. Senior **Ally Marcus** loved to create different types of styles with her outfits. "I like to dress cute because it is a way to express your individuality. My favorite part to picking out outfits is to mix and match different clothing items and discovering all of the fascinating looks."

4. Sophomore **Madeline Laycock** enjoys wearing Sperry's to school. "I like to wear Sperry's to school because they are comfortable and fashionable. I also have not seen anyone else in the school wearing the sequenced Sperry's, so it made me feel unique" said **Laycock**.

5. Senior **Brianna Toelle** dresses fabulously for only herself! She does not care to impress people, dressing her own style makes her more comfortable. "I like to dress fashionably so I can stand out. I am also obsessed with matching clothes; I definitely dress for myself, I just like to make myself happy. I enjoy waking up and picking out my outfit for the day" said **Toelle**. Picking out outfits is the best adrenaline rush for fashionistas.

6. Junior **Josue Rodriguez** has a style of his own that has been distinctive since his freshman year. He often wears polo shirts, or colorful button down shirts, matched with faded comfortable jeans and his Timberland boots. This styled look relays his relaxed and bright outlook on life.

7. Senior **Emily Cramer** loves to be bright, bubbly, and unique. "I just think that wearing the same thing all the time is extremely boring! I love color and dressing to match my personality for that day" said **Cramer**.



# People

High School can be intimidating and scary, with difficult classes, large upper-classmen and overwhelmingly crowded hallways. However, it is also an experience of a lifetime, and will help form the person you will someday become.

During the four years of high school you experience moments that will only happen once, moments that define who you are; that shape you into the person you will become. The transition from middle school to high school is a drastic change; from high school to college is an equally life-changing progression.

Freshman **Shelby-Rose Harris** said, "Going from middle school to high school was really different. I like having more freedom to do what I want."

Completing your freshmen year can be an exciting feeling. Sophomore **Cameron Lee** stated, "I'm a sophomore now and I feel like I have more swag and confidence because I'm not the youngest."

Teachers and staff try to make the years at Battlefield memorable and meaningful for the students by being supportive of the students' choices. Junior **Jake Mello** said, "I like how easy it is to make friends every year and how supportive the faculty is of our sports."

Senior year is considered the most important year of high school. Seniors are preparing for the next step in their lives. "It is amazing to be on top, so close to graduating and going to college," stated senior **Emily Harris**.

Whether making life long friends, winning the championships or succeeding in classes; these are the moments and experiences you will look back on and remember forever.

~Lindsay Manning

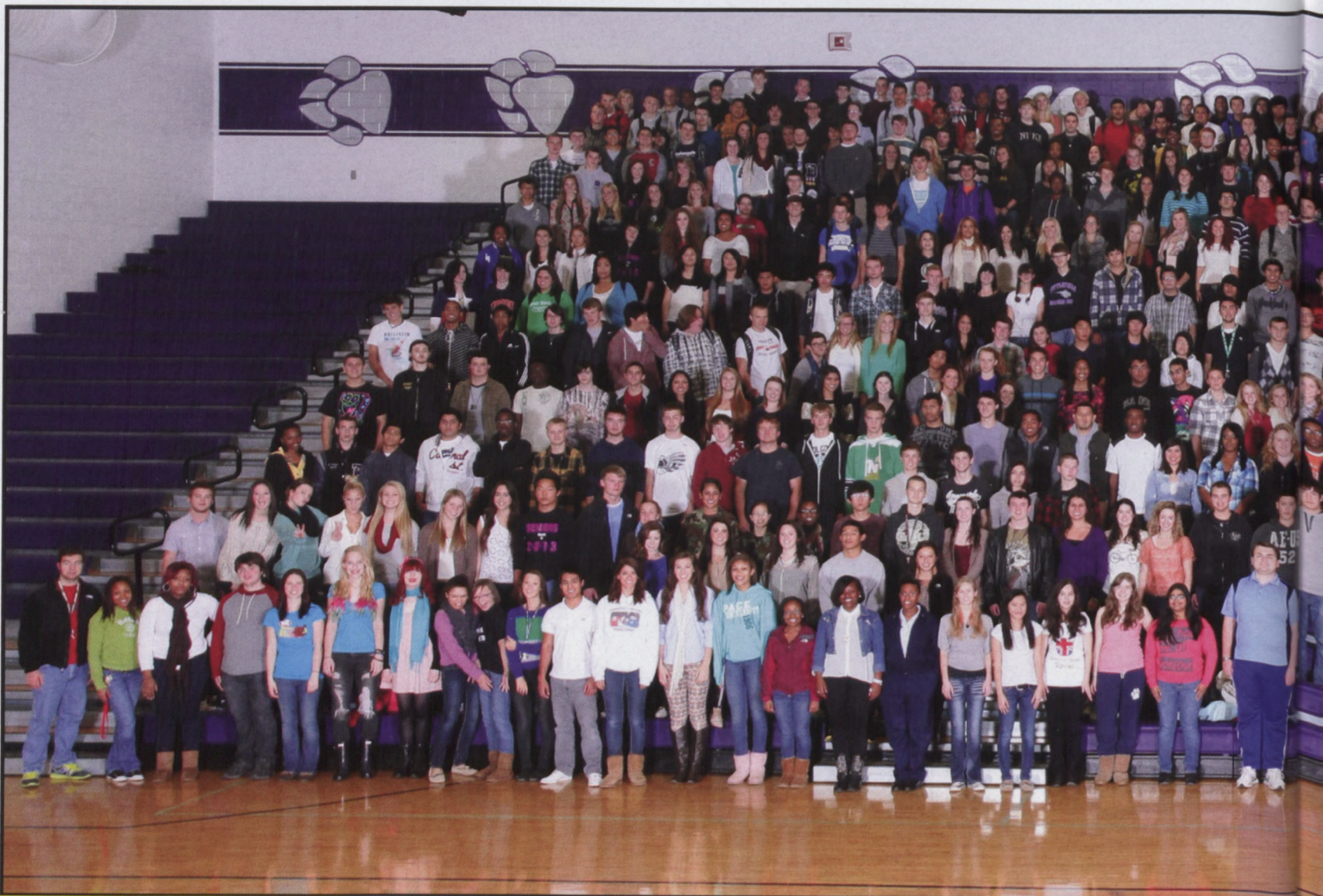




Students hanging out in the common area before the start of the day. Each morning, a variety of students from the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes collect in the common area to socialize and prepare for the day. This time of day was perfect for interacting with students otherwise not seen.







Class of





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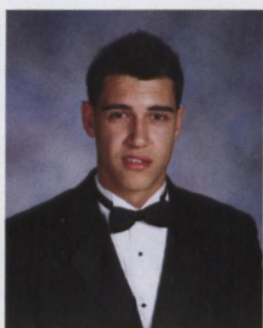
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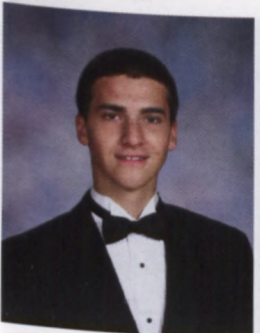
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## Island Fever



Senior **Jordan Tesar** called Oahu, Hawaii, a vacation spot for many, her home. She moved there when she was just three years old from rainy Washington State and lived there until she was fourteen. **Tesar** participated in native Hawaiian activities such as hula dancing, surfing, and learning the Hawaiian language. She made many treasured memories while living on the island.

One of her favorites memories was being able to fly to the different islands for school field trips. She also remembered swimming in the ocean one day when a wave knocked a gigantic green sea turtle into her shin, which left a bruise. She adapted to the Hawaiian way of life and admitted to still practicing some of the things she grew up with, like taking of her shoes before entering a home, which is customary in Hawaii. She missed many things about Hawaii, "Most of all I miss the attitude. There, people were always trying to help each other out like one big family," explained **Tesar**.

~ Rachel DeVore





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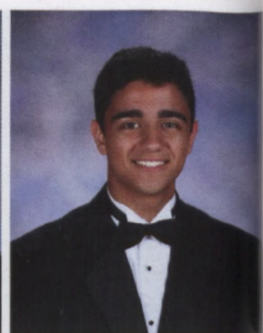
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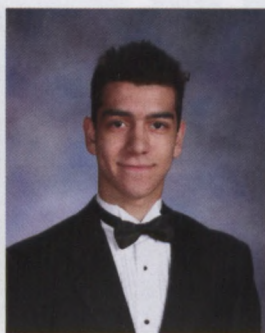
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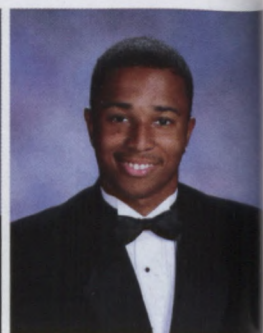
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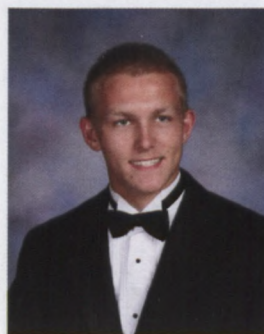
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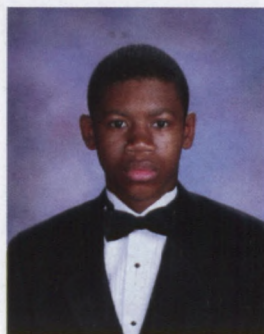
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Jordan Best



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## In San Francisco



Throughout the four years of high school, memories are created that will never be forgotten. For senior **Veronica Crochet**, her favorite high school memory was the 2012 chorus trip to San Francisco. While on the chorus trip, not only did the Battlefield choir sing, they also went on tours. Crochet said, "There was not a time that you could catch me without a smile on my face! I would go back in a heart beat." Not only was the trip educational, but also Crochet had a blast. Whenever she looks back on her high school experiences her chorus trip will always stick out.

~Katherine Irwin





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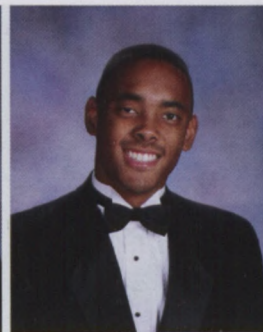
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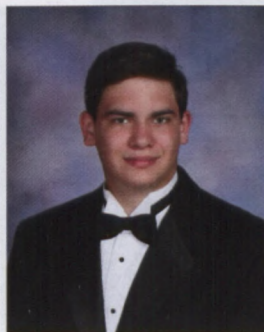
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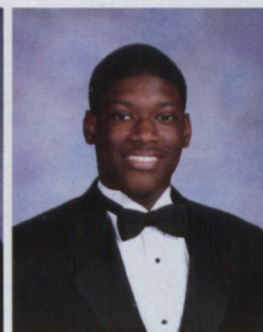
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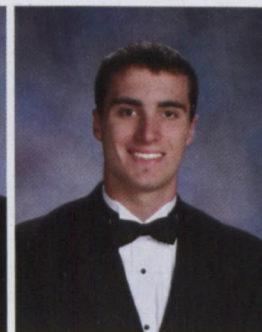
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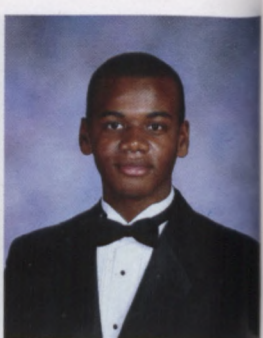
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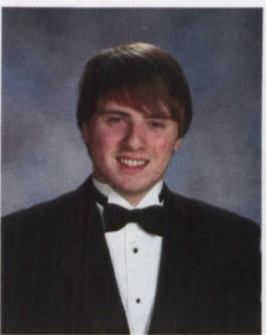
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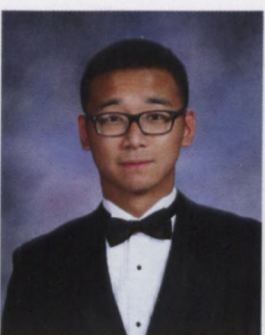
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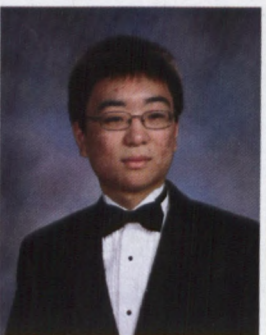
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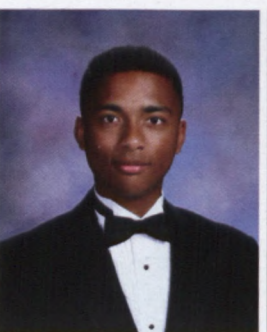
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Julie Craft



Ethan Craig



John Craig



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Raymond Carlos Cruz



Juan Cua Monroy



Kayla Cunha



Lauren Cunningham



Meagan Curtis



Nicholas D'alessandro



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Kayleigh Dahl

## Bobcat Helping Hands



For those who always wondered how students knew when and where to be when counselors needed them, senior **Samantha Belotti** was the one who got them there. "I escort students to class [when they have an appointment], I hand out passes to students and I help the counselors with mailing" said **Belotti**. Seniors wanted an easy year, so being a guidance counselor aide allowed them to come to school and help out instead of staying home, which looked better to colleges. "If I'm not doing anything to help, I can do my homework and get most of it done" said **Belotti**. Being a counselor aide was especially helpful to freshmen and new students. "I get to meet the new students when they first move here and give them tours around the school" said **Belotti**. Being the one that showed students around when they first arrived was an important part of making new students feel welcomed. "The best thing about being a counselor's aide is eating cake on counselors' birthdays and getting cake and balloons on my birthday from the people that work in the guidance office" said **Belotti**. Most students thought that sitting in the guidance office during a whole class period would be boring and a waste of time, but being able to help out others and meeting new people made it all worthwhile for **Belotti**.

~Madeline Laycock





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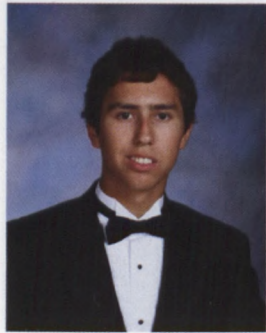
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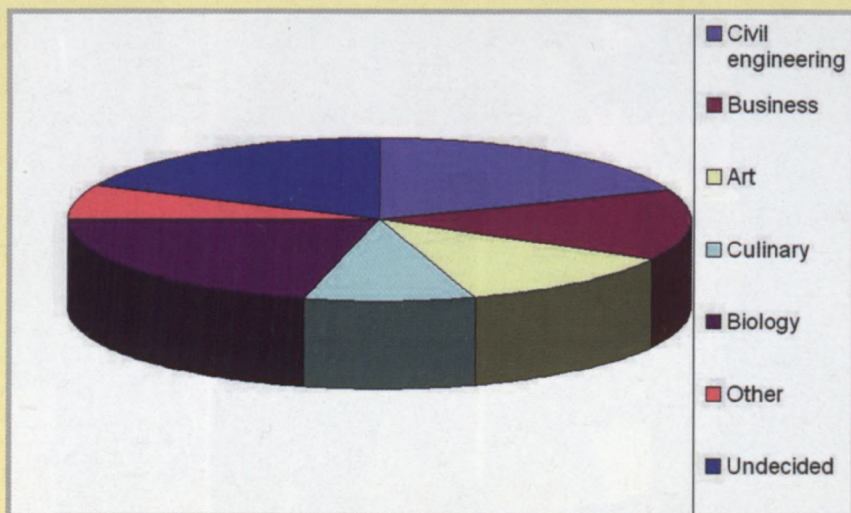


Gaelan Dean



Thomas Dean III

## Major Decisions



Many seniors started planning their lives as young kids, however many others did not figure out what they wanted to do until after they graduated from high school.

When seniors were asked what they planned on majoring in college, a surprisingly large number of students already knew what they were going to study. Only about eighteen percent of students who were asked were still undecided.

Unsurprisingly for an IT school, many students planned on a career in engineering or business, while others planned on studying the sciences or arts.

~ Kelly McGillivray



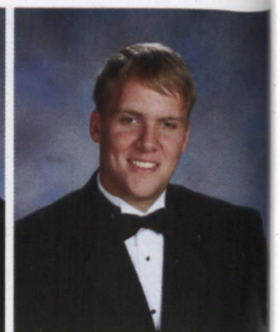
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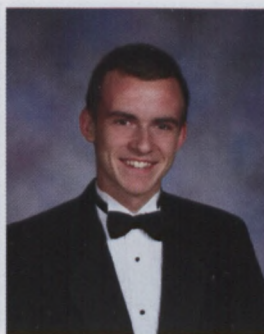
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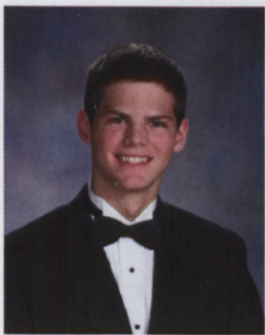
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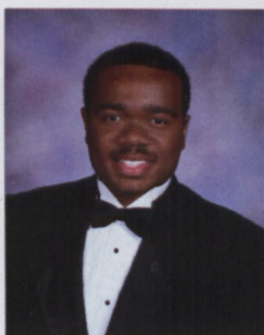
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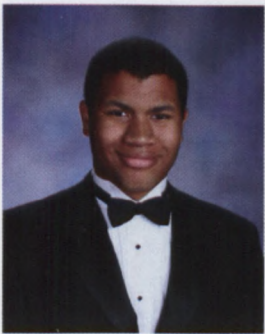
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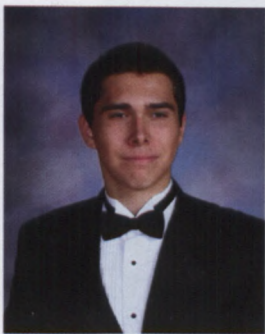
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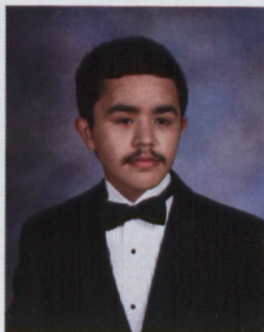
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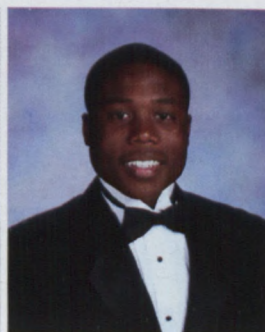
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Alyssa Fletcher



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Amir Gorham



Patrick Gough



Tamara Gray-Williams



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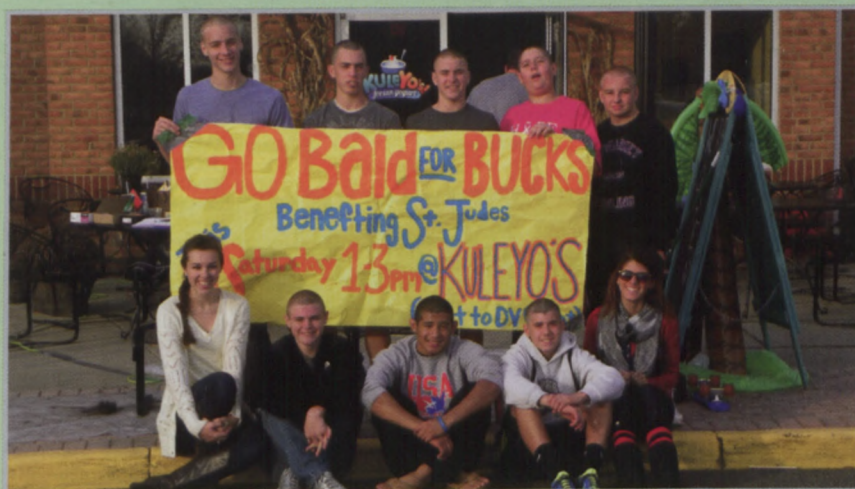


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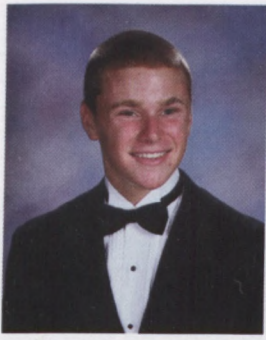
## Effort is Sexy



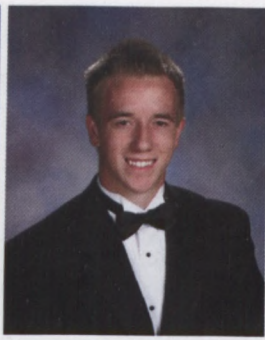
"Effort is Sexy' isn't just a saying, its a way of life" said senior **Casey Stein**. Stein and her parents are trying to trademark the quote, put it on t-shirts, bumper stickers, hats, anything to get the word out. Thought up by her dad, it means that when people try, and really commit themselves to something, it is going to look good, no matter what. For example, a group of people made the commitment to shave their heads for cancer and the St. Jude's hospital, everyone who participated had to be truly passionate about the cause, because they sacrificed their hair. Putting everything into something that is positively productive, even if it does not benefit those sacrificing directly, is going to be attractive because "effort truly is sexy."

~Allison Heinzer





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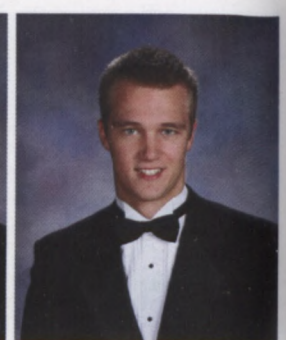
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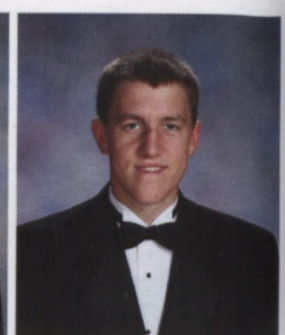
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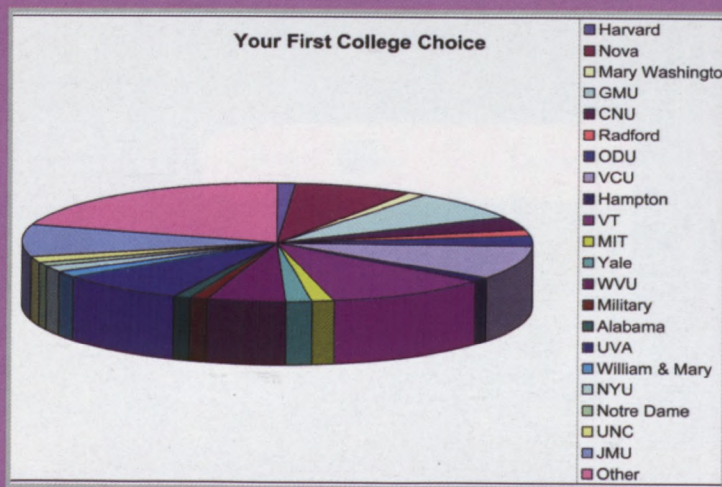


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Cameron Henken

## The Future Holds



The Class of 2013 was one of the most diverse classes to graduate at Battlefield High School. Battlefield's 2013 seniors chose a wide range of different schools, both in state and out of state. The Class of 2013 was not afraid to branch out and try new things. However, some students felt as though they could get the same college experience and education at a college closer to home. Some students wanted to stay home so they could continue to be close to family and friends and start a career. This graph shows the graduating Seniors of 2013's top choice in college. They have embarked on a new path in their lives, made new friends, and became the people they were meant to be.

~Mikayla Kyle



Erin Henry



Rebecca Henry



Marina Hermann



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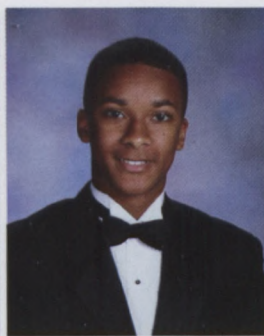
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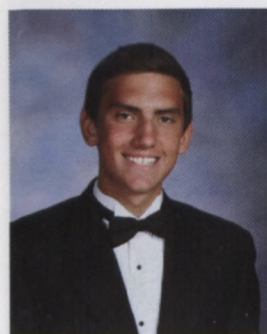
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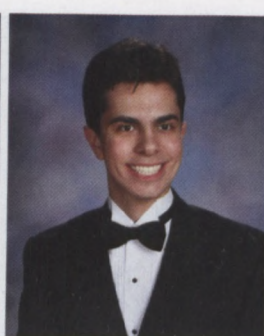




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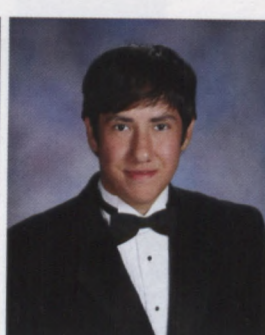
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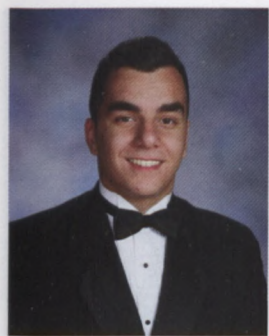


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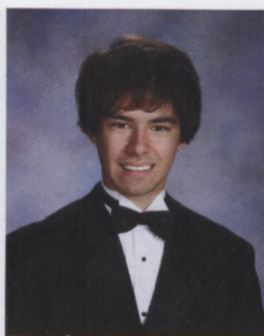


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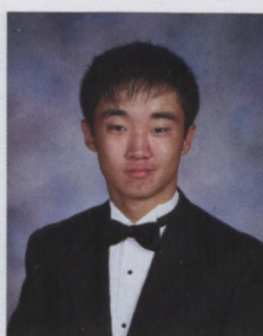
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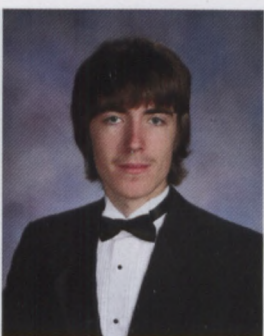
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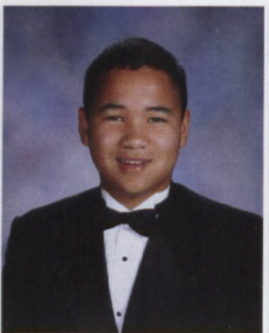
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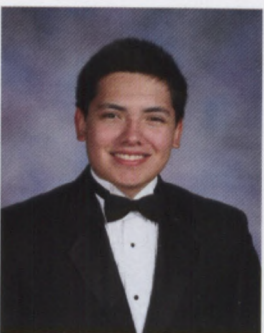
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## Burnt but not broken



The summer leading into Preston Nimtz's senior year was hot, literally. While hunting with junior Sam Harris, Nimtz heard fire sirens and saw a lot of smoke but did not think anything of it until he received a text. "Your house is on fire in case you did not know." At first he thought it was a joke, but when he arrived at his house it was surrounded by smoke, fire trucks and his neighbors. "My mom came running to me bawling and gave me a hug. I did not know how to react" he said. This accident happened from a propane tank explosion while turning on the barbecue. Nimtz's mother and brother received minor burns, but nothing too severe, the shock was worse than the injuries. "Sitting with my mom in the back of an ambulance when she was in shock is something I never want to have to witness again," he said.

Luckily for Nimtz, this accident had a positive impact on his outlook on life. "I had to get use to not having a lot of things I grew up with, but I have really learned to appreciate the little things" he said. "Even though I lost a lot of sports equipment and clothes, I am really thankful for all the families that came together to help my family." Not only did families in the community come together, the Nimtz family also grew closer. Nimtz has looked at this experience as a precursor to all the other changes that have yet to come. "You really get use to change and often it is a good thing," said Nimtz.

~ Madeline Laycock



"Music is important to me because I even when I don't know what to say I can find the words I want to say through music. If I am in a good mood or a bad mood it fixes it.

~Faith Wells



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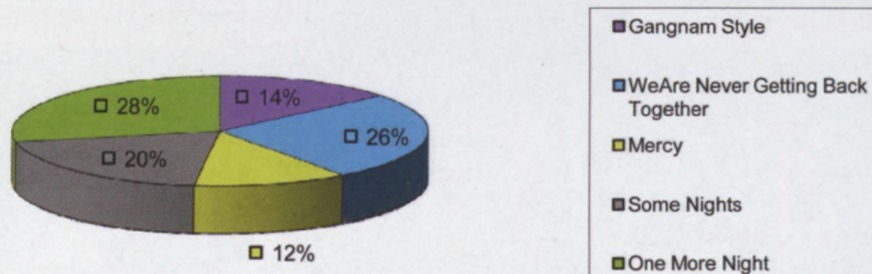
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## Music for the Times

Favorite Songs



This graph is a survey to show the senior's favorite songs. "One More Night" by Maroon 5 was the top song, followed by "We Are Never Getting Back Together" by Taylor Swift, "Some Nights" by FUN in third and "Gangnam Style" by Korean singer PSY came in fourth. The song with the least amount of votes was "Mercy" by Kanye West. However, senior **Damajah Mapson** disagreed and said "Mercy is my favorite song because it has a really good beat." Regardless of their song of choice, the senior class all shared a strong love for music.

~Ciara Russel



Kristen Loehle



Amanda Lombardo



Lauren Lopes



Daniel Lopez



Edwin Loureiro



Annmarie Lutz





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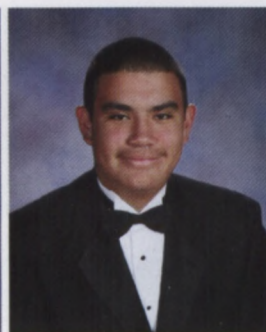
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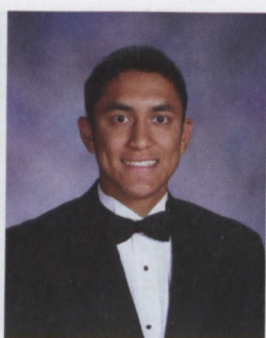




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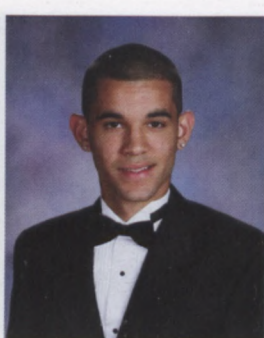
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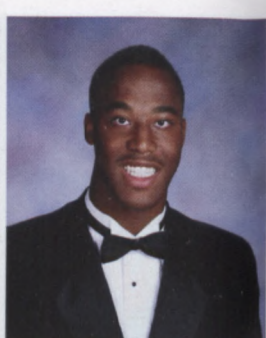
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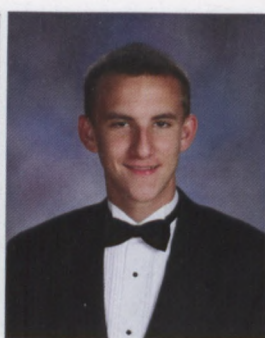
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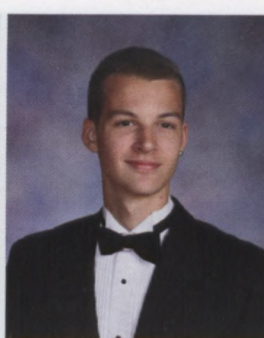
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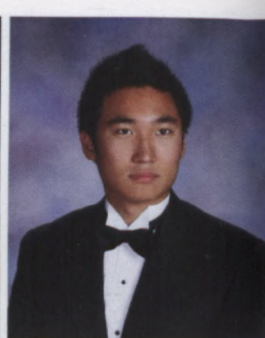
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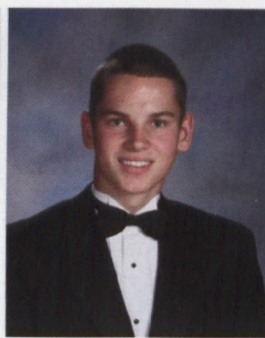
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"I enjoyed senior year because it is the year that life started coming into perspective. It's the end of high school, but the start of the future."

-Garrett Butler



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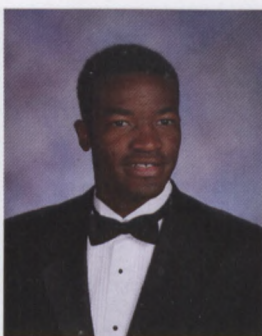


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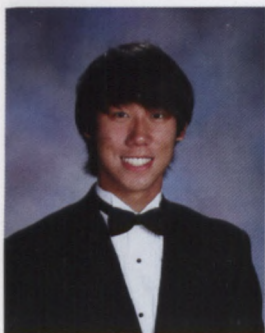
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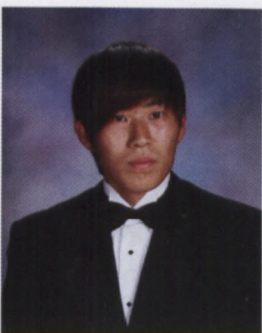
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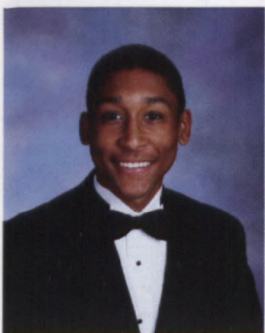
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## Senioritis at its Finest



Senioritis, a disease that “consisted of not doing homework, sleeping in class, and not caring what you looked like at all,” according to senior **Jonathan Esteban**. Senioritis spread throughout most of the whole senior class by the end of the year, affecting even the most studious of students. “It’s very contagious,” he commented. To fight it, **Esteban** said, “I drink a lot of coffee and energy drinks to stay awake in class.” His best advice for rising seniors was, “don’t let it consume you.”

~Yelena Medovar

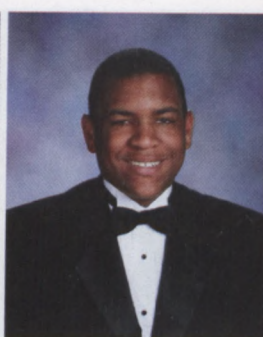




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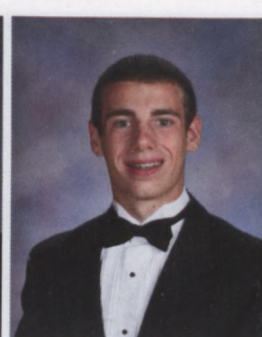
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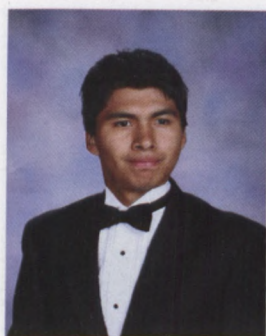
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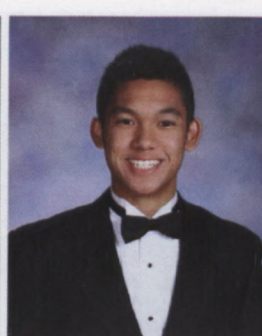
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## Across the Ocean



Being a new student at a new school can be exciting. Senior **Jaimie Armstrong** moved to America at the beginning of the summer of 2012 from Scotland. **Armstrong** was fascinated by America and what it had to offer. She decided she wanted to come to America to experience what American high school was like. It was a new beginning, a new start a once in a lifetime opportunity. **Armstrong** was able to participate in all of the one time senior events such as toga day during spirit week. She has made many friends since she moved here. **Armstrong** stated, "I have made friends relatively [easily] here and I hope that I will still be friends with them when I move back to Scotland."

Things were pretty different for her here, but she saw everything in a positive light. **Armstrong** expressed "It is strange seeing how different people are in another country, but interesting too." She made the most of her time here. This was her chance to have a new adventure and make it memorable.

~Lindsay Manning



Allison Pierce



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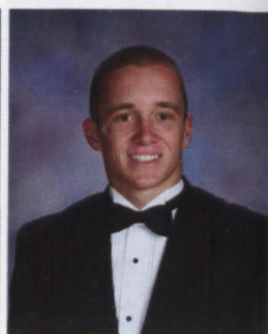
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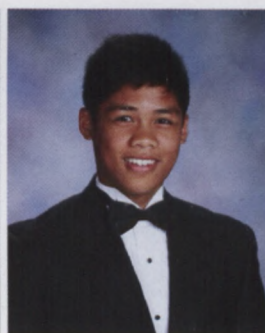
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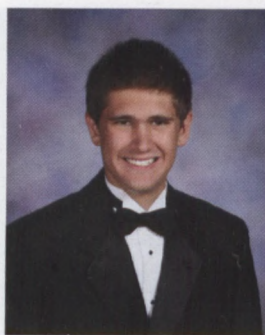


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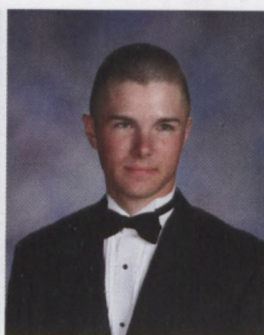


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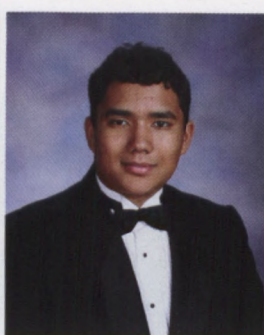
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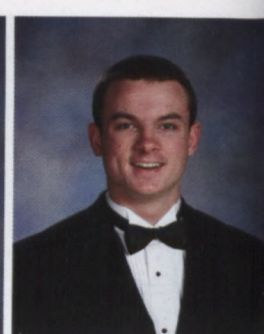
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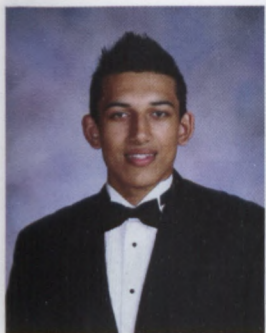


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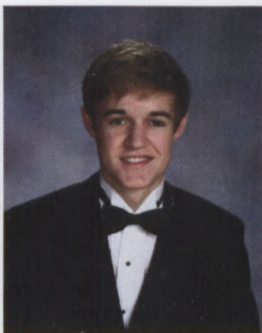


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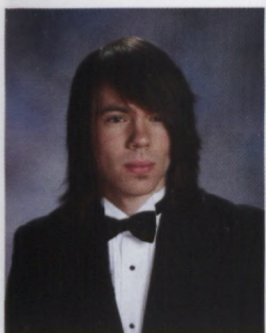
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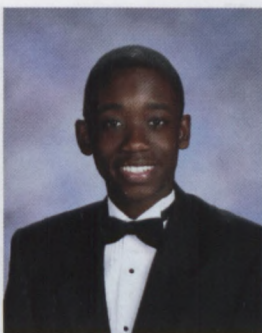
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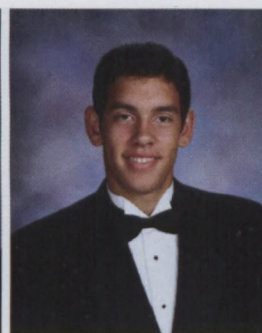
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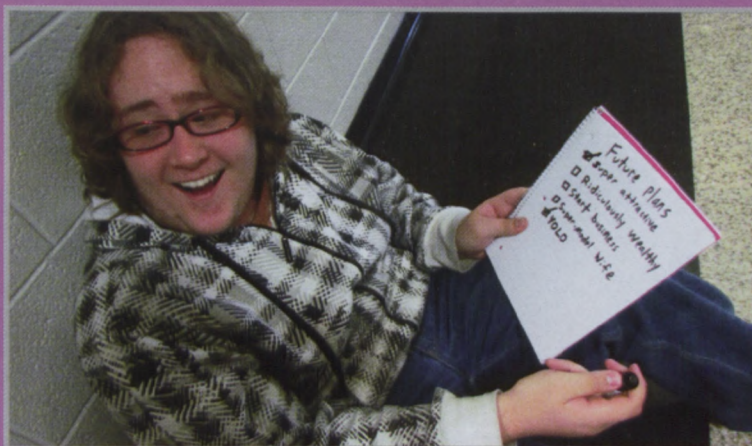


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## Big Plans



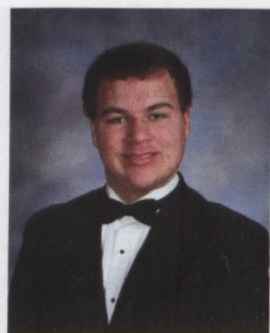
Senior **Kip Prathers** had an indescribable senior year. When asked to summarize his high school experience **Prathers** simply stated, "It was pretty legit." His plans after high school included "To build a company from the ground up with my bare hands, and become the youngest, most attractive billionaire." **Prathers** stated with a smile.

He made some great memories throughout high school and was happy to share. "During freshmen year I saw someone comically trip on a banana peel during lunch, a minute after another person fell. It was so ironic," he said. "One of my most traumatic memories was when they took away the sub line in the cafeteria and there was no warning. They just took it away."

He said he had voluptuous pride that high school was finally over. "It's like taking off a jacket and having really mature arms to show people," **Prathers** reminisced.

~Emma Wedemeyer

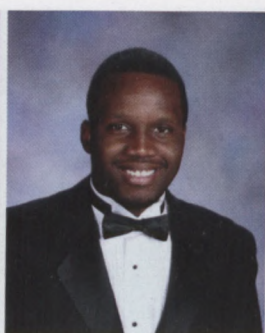




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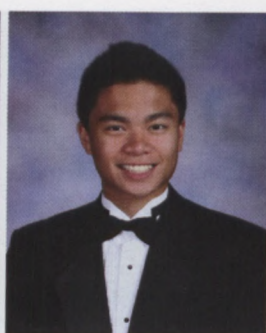
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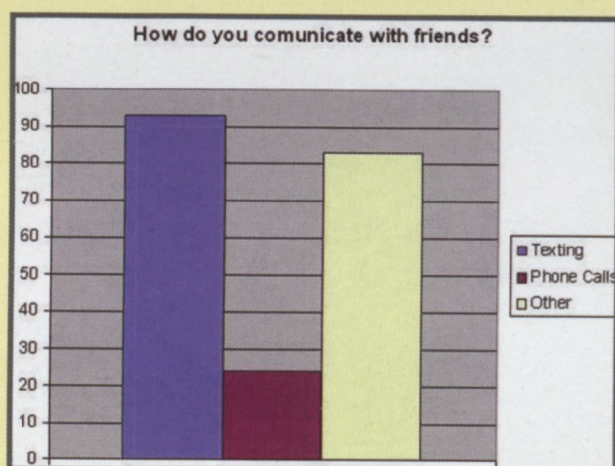


Lauren Suneson



Hunter Surface

## "Communicating" with others



Do students prefer to speak with their friends, or use technology to communicate. Not surprisingly, the results of a survey to determine how students preferred to communicate with friends demonstrated that texting won with ninety three votes, but other methods of communication were also preferred over making phone calls. The survey was very reflective of a new reliance on nonverbal communication as opposed to more personal methods. Were teens, and seniors in particular, simply too busy for person to person conversations, or did they just prefer the efficiency of texting? Senior Brianna Allen said she would rather "text than talk, because it is fast and convenient. You can it where ever." Allen said that she texts at stoplights, or when she is talking to someone else and doesn't want to interrupt the conversation with a phone call.

~ Kiwi Herron



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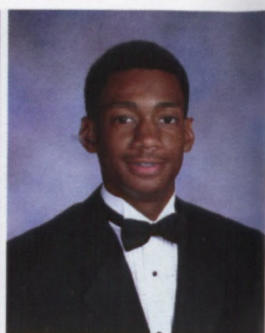
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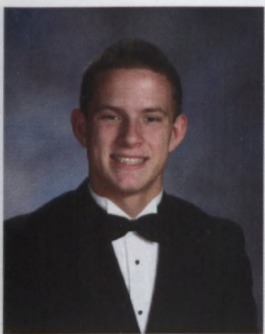
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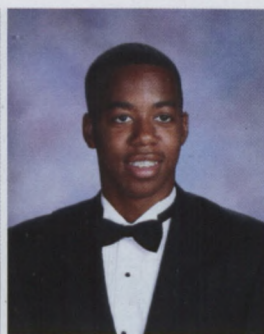
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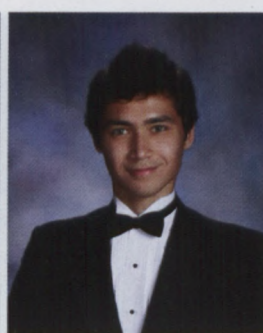
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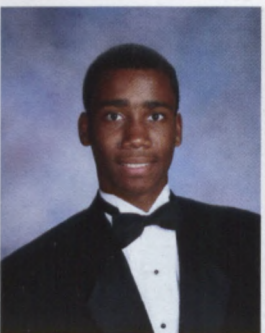
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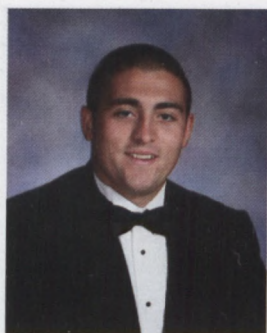


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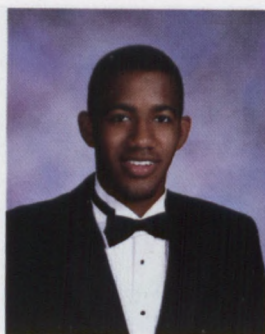
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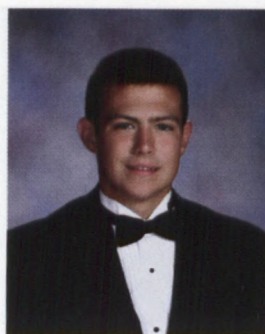
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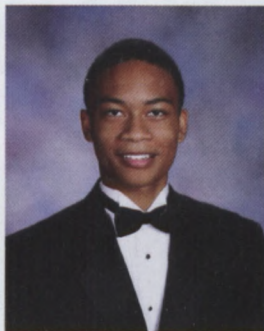


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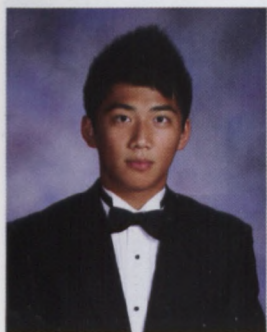
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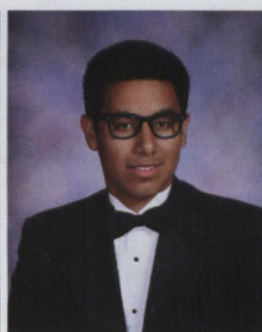
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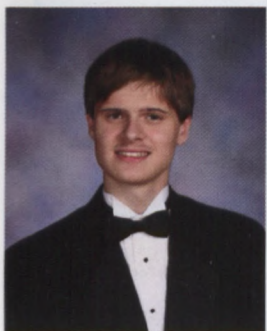
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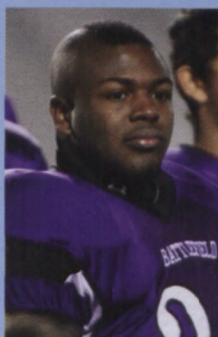
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## Defeat is Not an Option



Perseverance has never failed in the eyes of senior Dante Richardson. Born with severely flat feet, Richardson had more difficulty with sports than his peers. "I would come home from practice in a lot of pain," said Richardson. During his freshman year he ended up getting surgery. Not wanting to give up, he went out for football the next year, but needed more time to recover from surgery.

"Junior year I trained more and got a lot better, so I had a successful year," said Richardson. Problems began to arise once again. Richardson suffered from multiple stress fractures and

Achilles tendinitis. However, throughout the course of the season he became more active on the team by working his way up to a respectful position.

Looking towards the future, Richardson plans to attend Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina where his father also attended. "My dad played college ball there and won a national championship," explained Richardson. He plans on playing running back, the same position as his father, so he can beat his record. "I want to have bragging rights," said Richardson. The phrase "never give up" definitely helped Richardson through his fight against his flat feet and his high school football career.

~Courtney Key



# Senior Superlatives

Most  
Likely  
to Become  
President

Grace Charlton & Aaron Guo



Best Smile

Dante Richardson & Nicole Cercy



Life of the Party

Scott Ratigan & Margaret Bean



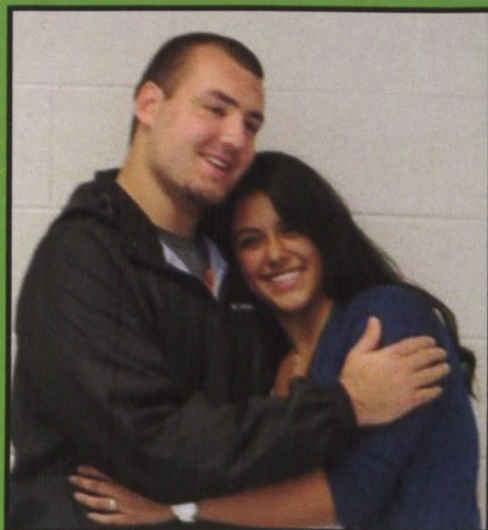
Most Athletic

Ryan Swingle & Taylor Kerxton



Best  
Shoulder  
to  
Cry On

Brandon Dukeman &  
Jackie Patten



Joe  
Womack

Best Eyes

Tori  
Clark





## Best Dressed

Bernard Coles IV & Brittany Norris



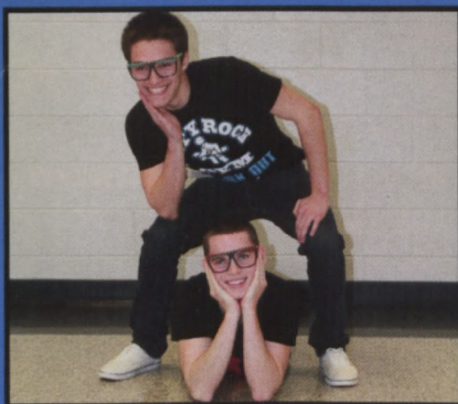
## Best Hair

Ethan Craig & Kolbi Doss



## Most Dramatic

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## Best Bromance

Stan Muckerman & Luke Mazzu

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Tyler Harris & Madison Setness



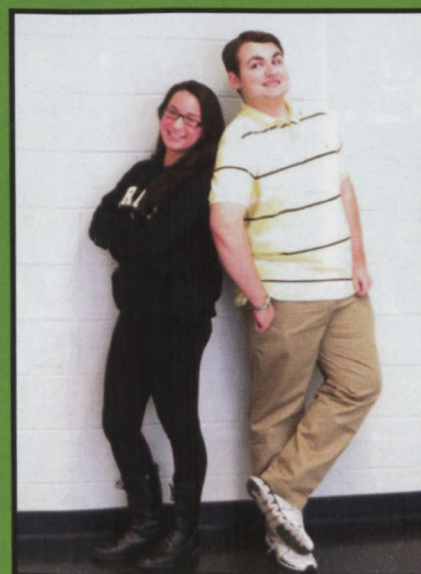
## Class Clown

Brian Eybers & Annmarie Lutz



## Best Personality

George Andrews & Devon Esteban













# Juniors

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Reza Abdollahi  
Rebecca Abel  
Papa K Addy  
Ademilola Adetunji  
Bishop Agnew  
Dejaquan Agnew



Omar Aguirre  
Victor Aguirre  
Matthew Ainslie  
Hamnah Akmal  
Sardat Al Saray  
Morgan Albertson  
Brandon Albright



Stevie Alexis  
Elizabeth Alimi  
Steven Allen  
Jaqueline Alvarado  
Miguel Amezcua  
Nathan Arbitrario  
Lexis Arensdorf



Branden Arnold  
Anastasia Arthur  
Ryan Ascone  
Nathan Ashe  
Saad Ashraf  
Kwami Asiamia Jr  
Michael Asihene







Jordan Asqueri  
Iona Avor  
Jack Baker  
Joshua Balmer  
Kevin Banwarth  
Nicholas Barberoglou  
Ashley Barlow



Nikolaus Barnhill  
Erwin Barrientos  
Ian Barry  
Katherine Barthelson  
Elijah Bass Jr  
Ross Beavers  
Brandon Behal



Jillian Belcher  
Chalci Bell  
De Ja Bennafeld Fikes  
Lauren Bennett  
Agamjeet Bhogal  
Larissa Bierly  
Jordan Blanchette



Trevor Blondin  
Janie Bocanegra  
Connor Booth



John Bosque  
Brianna Bowers  
Kayla Bowers



Ashton Brackin  
Samantha Bradley  
Derrick Brock



Kelsea Brooks  
Samantha Brosnahan  
Jennifer Brothers

*If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?*

"I would make it so that students did not have to pay for college tuition, and universities were government funded."

~Junior **Lili Michaux**

"I think that we should re-evaluate the way we handle poverty in America. I think we should give back to the poor by giving them things they need instead of financial aid because often times the money is not spent in the right way and they do not receive the resources they actually need." ~Junior **Khushboo Thiagaraj**

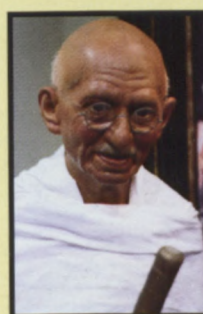


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"In my opinion, I don't think there is one specific thing we should change about the world. I think in order to change the world one should first better one's self. As Gandhi once advised, 'Be the change you want to see in the world.'" ~Junior **Mia Cangiano**



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Lauren Brown  
Andrew Bryant  
Fariha Bukhari  
Lee Burdick  
Jesse Burgess  
Kathryn Burgess



Kyle Burke  
Mark Burns  
Nadia Bustillo Bocanegra  
Derek Cabral  
Jhasmin Calicho  
Penaloza  
Karli Campbell  
Mia Cangiano



Sagry Carcamo  
Abby Carter  
Karina Carvalho  
William Casey III  
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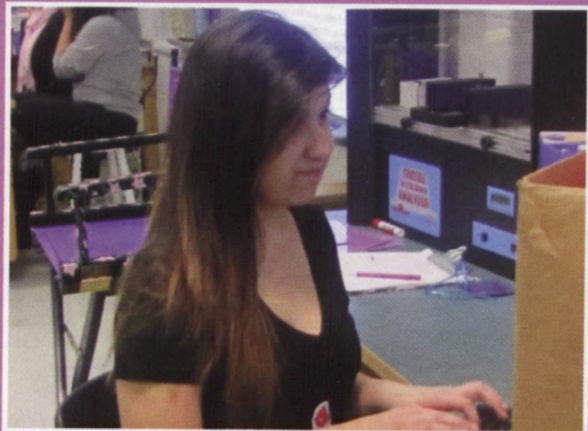
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## Junior It Up



Junior Eema Iftikhar shared, "One thing that I love about my junior year is that I am growing up. I realized that senior year is just around the corner and I need to focus on life after high school!" Junior year came only once, and they faced a challenging year which included the 11th grade research paper, AP classes and PSAT exams. "I've been at BHS for three years, and each year has taught me to be more academically successful," shared junior **Tiffany Wayman**. Juniors became the role models for the underclassmen, and redefined the word 'resilient' with their ability to overcome the demands of their junior year.

~Nicky Melendez Garcia





Tyler Cleary  
Brittany Cole  
Briana Coleman  
Evan Collins  
Kari Comer  
Joshua Cooper  
Ryan Crahan



Bjorn Crawford  
Noah Crowder  
Luis Cruz Barragan  
Cristian Cruz Casado  
Cindy Cua Monroy  
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Joshua Custer  
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Dominique Daly  
Stuart Dana  
Thien Dao  
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Rakan Darismail  
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Eduardo Davila Tallada  
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Nathan Davis  
Alyssa De Angelus  
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Gabrielle Debari  
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Jaime Delao  
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Matthew Dooley  
Neal Dora



Aleena Dosky  
Connor Downey  
Stephanie Doyle  
Deja Dozier  
Jacob Dubois  
Joe Dupriest II  
Shauna Durant



Summer Durant  
Erin Duray  
Cala Dutton  
Brandon Eanes  
Todd Eaton  
Skylar Edwards  
Shelby Ellis



Kerry Emberton  
Morgan Engelhardt  
Rebecca Ennis  
Morsal Eskandari  
John Eybers Jr  
Joshua Fairbanks  
Patrick Falk



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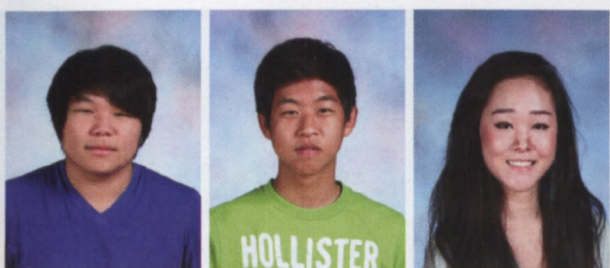
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Prayant Hanjra  
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Wesley Harmon



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Joseph Harris



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Samuel Harris  
Matthew Hausman

## Shoes, Shoes, And More Shoes



Most people say that the shoes a person wears tells a lot about who they are. Well, at Battlefield the shoes most definitively described the people: diverse. A survey was conducted that catalogs the diversity of style at Battlefield. 21% of people surveyed said their favorite shoes were Uggs/Boots. 20 percent voted for Toms/Flats, 19% for flip flops, 17 percent for Nike Slides, 15% for sneakers, and 8 percent for heels. Junior Kate Ivancic said, "If I could wear slippers all day I would, I just like the comfiest kind of shoes."

~ Jenna Presta



Allison Heinzer  
Katharine Helfert  
Devondre Henry  
Kyle Henry  
Sarah Henry  
William Hernandez  
Haley Heston



Aaron Hill  
Kori Hill  
Summer Hilliard  
Julia Hinton  
Grant Hobar  
Brittany Hogan  
Sean Hogan



Morgan Hollis  
Stewart Holmes III  
Anna Hong  
Brandon Hope  
Danielle Hornbaker  
Cary Horton  
Stuart Houser



Erin Howell  
James Hraba  
Nicole Huebner



Dania Huls  
Donavan Hunter  
Austin Huppert



Victoria Hurlburt  
Christine Hutchinson  
Matthew Ibarra



Eema Ifikhar  
Anthony Inghimo  
Brianna Ingram



## Karate Kid



Junior **Kristin Ullman** was very driven to complete her junior year strongly, not only academically but physically. For six years, karate had been an outlet for her. **Ullman's** initial interest in karate piqued because she wanted to learn self defense, but eventually interest became dedication and a love for the sport. Karate helped teach **Ullman** perseverance both in and out of school. "A quotation that inspires me is fall down 7 times get up 8," she stated.

~Emily Irvine





Eric Iredale  
Katherine Iskander  
Katherine Ivancic  
Emily Jacobius  
Mohit Jakher  
Miles James  
Andrew Jatib



Jessica Javier  
Joshua Jimenez  
Asata Johnson  
Justin Johnson Fisher  
Brianna Jones  
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Michael Jones



Sade Jones  
Christopher Jorquera  
Hunter Joseph  
Robert Judd  
Caleb Kang  
Jihee Kang  
Madison Karegeannes



Lovepreet Kaur  
Darian Kelly  
John Kelly  
Hailey Kemp  
Jenna Kemper  
Lauren Kennedy  
Drew Kerxton



Rudy Kessinger  
Cory Key  
Faraz Khan  
Chae Kim  
Grace Kim  
Luke Kim  
Mi Ran Kim



Jake Kinder  
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Brian Knauf  
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Spencer Lombardo



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Robert Mello  
Brigitte Melody  
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John Munies III



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Reagan Murphy  
Gracia Mususa

## The Brave and the Bold



Mr. Garcia, photo courtesy of Daniel Garcia

The responsibility of looking after his siblings, making sure the house was neat, and keeping day-to-day life organized was just a small price junior **Daniel Garcia** had to pay after seeing his dad off to war. "Since he's been deployed, my mom has been trying to cope with him not being around. It's been very difficult, but I've also gotten to spend a lot more time with my mom." Although it was hard having him gone, **Garcia** grew a lot closer to his mom. They were looking forward to the family being back together as a whole.

~Megan Garrison



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Ashley Nembhard  
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Justin Newsome



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Matthew Palmer



Harold Pardo  
Do Park  
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Karen Park  
Samuel Park  
Wonsik Park



Yu Eun Park  
Adam Parker  
Amanda Parnarouskis



## Hard Work Pays Off



Junior year was called the hardest year of high school for many. But to junior **Aly De Angelus**, junior year was a breeze. **De Angelus** had a very busy schedule between her life as a member of the Battlefield dance team, a competitive dancer outside of school, and the hours she spent studying for her AP classes. **De Angelus** said, "I've been managing my time better so my grades are not as hard to maintain." She had already looked into colleges, and her top two schools are the University of North Carolina and Virginia Tech. She hoped to get into their dance programs and continue dancing in college. **De Angelus** was relieved to have completed the research paper. "My research topic is whale hunting, it has been a really interesting topic to work with, so I am excited." Despite her chaotic life, one event that stuck out being important to her was "My first football game. It made me feel like I was a part of the school; I knew I belonged here."

~Emma Wedemeyer





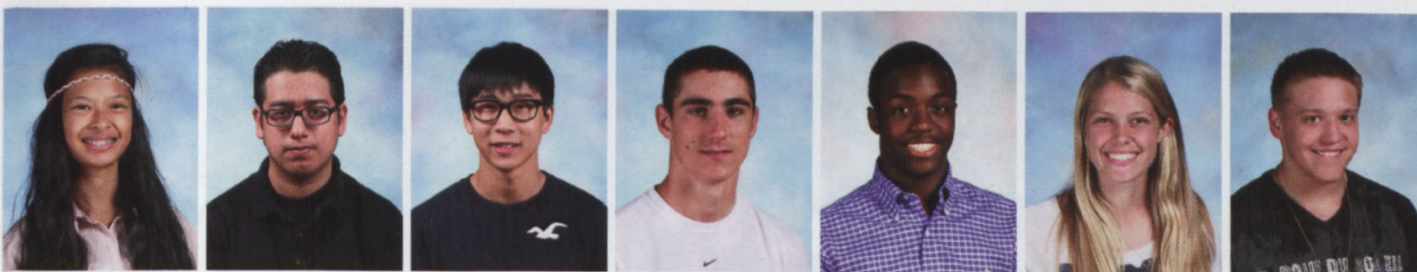
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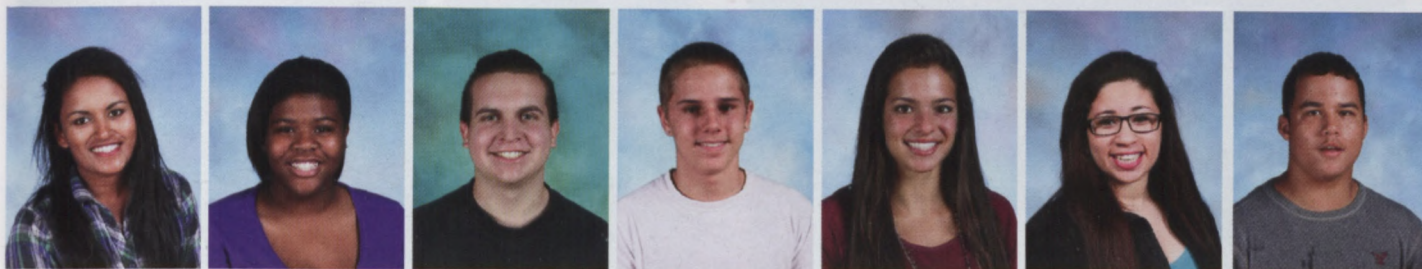
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Andrew Tyson  
Kristin Ullman



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Michael Upton

## One Bond



Senior **Rajin Palani** and junior **Ryan Waltz** have been best friends for six years. Ryan said the reason they have been best friends for so long is because, "We're totally opposites in every aspect, except for our loyalty towards each other. She's the one person who I know will be there for me forever. I love that." **Rajin** said that something interesting about their friendship would be, "We are so physically different and have such different interest, but yet have been best friends for many years."

~Caitlin McDermott



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Francisco Vasquez  
Patricia Villena  
Thomas Vrchoticky  
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John Walker



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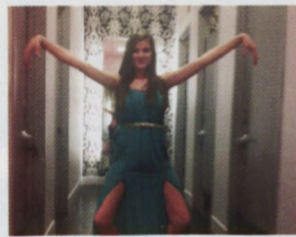
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Shane McSally  
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Courtney Watson







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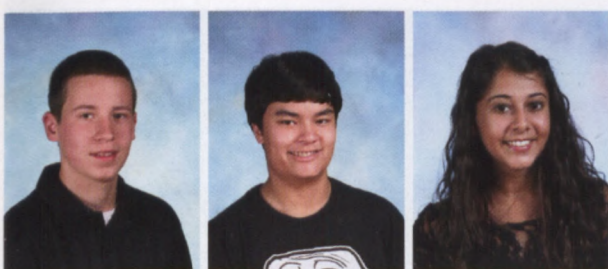
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Danielle Boufford  
Courtney Bowman  
Emma Boyd

## Shoot to the Stars



Inspired by 76ers games when he was little, Sophomore **Matthew Diefes** started playing basketball. **Diefes** started playing when he was six. His 6'1 Frame is a good height for basketball. He said he is good at three-pointers because, "his dad used to take me to the gym to practice my shooting form." He made on the JV basketball team as a sophomore year and hoped to make varsity junior year; and also hoped to start.

~Kiwi Herron



Katherine Boyle  
Gordon Bradley  
Tyler Bradshaw  
Sidney Brooks IV  
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Sean Cephus



Sierra Cerniglia  
Savannah Cerretani  
Marvin Cerritos



Kyle Challberg  
Alexis Champion  
Katherine Chang



Jeffrey Chaplin  
Nathaniel Chapman  
Chanelle Chatman



## Only One



Following in the footsteps of senior sister **Kassie Krivo**, sophomore **Victoria Krivo** was the only student representing her grade on the gymnastics team this year. With six graduating seniors, and no juniors on the squad, **Krivo** prepared to lead the team for the 2013 season. Although she competed as an all-around gymnast, beam was her best event. Delivering a back handspring flight on beam, she set a high standard for her competition. **Krivo** said "I'm going to miss having my sister on the team next year, but I am prepared to have a good season even with a majority of the team graduating." She has been a competitive gymnast for over twelve years between club and school gymnastics. Her experience and practice paid off as she took home 3rd place at the Bobcat Invitational this year.

~Rachel Kerxton





Brandon Chehreh  
Bria Cherry  
Justin Chiang  
Jocelyn Cho  
Spencer Chrisman  
Lauren Ciccone  
Amanda Clary



Jose Cleves Jaramillo  
Rosemarie Clink  
Domenico Colella  
Joshua Conrad  
Maria Contreras  
Ellis Cook  
Julia Cosby



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Alexandra Kelly Dacey  
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Julie Dang  
Mai Ellen Dang  
Megan Daniels



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Christina Davidson  
Zachary Davis  
April Day  
Jenna Day  
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Andrew Defusco



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Lillian Diamond  
Matthew Diefes



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Jordan Dobak  
Neil Doshi  
Abigail Dow  
Austin Downing  
Cassie Downs



Zoe Drew  
Robert Drummond  
Samuel Drzal  
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Cole Eastham  
Austin Edwards  
Sean Ehardt



Kendall Ellison  
Raymond Esqueda  
Sarah Evans  
Jamiel Farhat  
Kristina Fauss  
Claudia Febres  
Brock Ferstl



Trevor Fichtner  
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Xian Forbes



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Paula Grivas  
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Dylan Gum  
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Caroline Guy  
Sean Haering  
Ruksar Hanifi  
Cory Harris  
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Amber Hayes  
David Haynes  
Kameron Hedgepeth



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Stephanie Hickman  
Cody Higa  
Nicholas Hilden



Nolan Hill  
Jessica Holbrook  
Madeline Holbrook



Matthew Hollins Jr  
Jared Holt  
Renee Holtman



Matthew Homnyom  
Rebecca Howe  
Margaret Hudak



Brittany Hudson  
Caleb Hughes  
Hollie Hurdle

## Gobbled Up



A typical Thanksgiving day consisted of eating a lot of food with family and then watching some football. For sophomore **Heather McIntosh** her Thanksgiving day started at 5:30 in the morning. **McIntosh** and her family traveled to Northwest DC every year for the past five years in efforts to provide food to under privileged families. The Salvation Army and the Cheesecake Factory, where her dad managed, worked together in efforts to provide as many families as possible with food on the day of giving. They gave out tickets to people in need and they were welcomed into a room filled with turkey decorations and dining tables that **McIntosh** helped set up. She got a great satisfaction out of helping others and was glad she could do it with her family. She was very proud of her dad, who just served his last year as the head of the operation, and they had their best turnout yet! She felt that Thanksgiving would not be complete without participating in this activity every year. After she was done, **McIntosh** was able to go home and have her Thanksgiving meal with family and was even able to watch some football.

~ Rachel DeVore



Charles Hyer  
 Kyleigh Hynes  
 Jonathan Ianniello  
 Anya Idrizi  
 Holly Ingalls  
 Laura Isbell  
 Jon Jacobs



Ersalan Jahangiri  
 Shonari James  
 Cassidy Jimerson  
 Damon Johnson  
 Maverick Jones  
 Misha Jones  
 Maria Jones Brown



Luke Joslin  
 Stephanie Judd  
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 Christina Justis  
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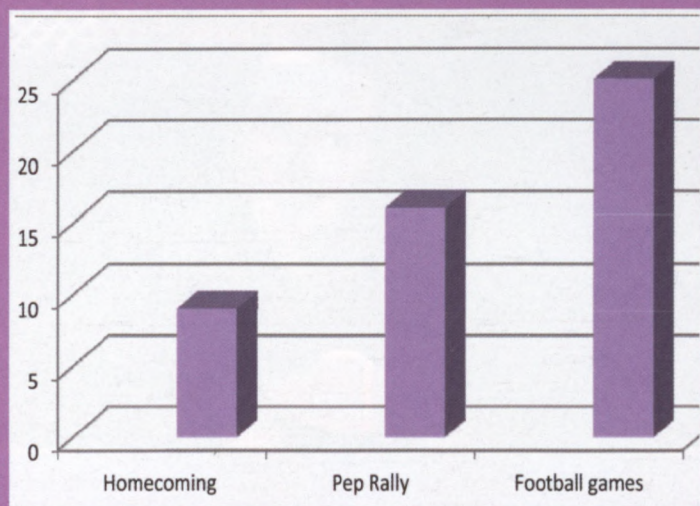
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## That One Season



Fall was the time of year filled with bobcat spirit. Between football games, pep rallies, and homecoming, there was always something to be excited about. Sophomore **Maddie Laycock** said "Fall is my favorite time of year because I get to watch my best friends play football." This was a time for each class to bond over the Battlefield spirit.

~ Rylie McKee





Alexis Kirby  
Lydia Kladitis  
Marinna Knight  
Noah Kolos  
Emily Kriss  
Victoria Krivo  
Sarah Kwon



Halle Lahammer  
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Cameron Lee  
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Jess Lewis  
Kevin Lewis  
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Katelynn Linthicum



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John Litscher  
Jinar Logan  
Kimberly Logan  
Ethan Logsdon  
Zachary Logsdon  
Paola Losada



Sofia Loureiro Atala  
Nicholas Ludeman  
Gabriella Lutchman  
Nicole Lyons  
Brenda MacDonald  
Gunner MacDonald  
Adam Mahmoud



Amanda Mahoney  
Megan Mahoney  
Thomas Malang  
Katarina Malinoski  
Lauren Maloney  
Alexander Manning  
Brett Manning



Michael Mansour  
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Edward Marney  
Joshua Martin Roche  
Chad Mateer  
Lauren Mathews  
Loren McAllen



Katherine McAteer  
Dereka McCivion  
Quinn McClaugherty  
Mason McCormic  
Sofia McDaniell  
Meghan McDermott  
Jack McGeoghegan



Eric McGillivray  
Cassandra McGinnis  
John McIntire  
Heather McIntosh  
Mckenzi McKoy  
Ethan McLellan  
Tiffany Meadows



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Anthony Medovar  
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Melisa Mejia  
Jose Mendoza Jr  
Elizabeth Meston



Nicole Milefsky  
Daniel Milihrum  
Alyssa Miller  
Taylor Miller  
Tommie Miller  
Ty Miller  
Lauren Milloy



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Zachary Mingus  
Alexander Missar  
Alicia Mitchell  
Caroline Mohan  
Mohamed Mohsen  
Shannon Moldowan



Jhoanna Molina  
Joseph Monfort  
Kortney Monks  
Eric Montalvo II  
Mckenzie Moran  
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Abigail Murray  
Corrine Murray  
Arnav Nanda  
Andrew Naylor



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Joshua Newman  
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Evan Oosterveld



James Otwell  
Madison Padden  
Victoria Paduano



Alan Pak  
Haydon Parham  
Corey Parker



Peter Parlier Jr  
Trevor Parsons  
Joseph Parsons II



Adrien Passee  
Deidre Payne  
Kyle Pederson

## Salute to Sophomore Year



Sophomore Alex Missar kept his sophomore year busy in many ways. Missar was not only a member of the junior varsity football team, but he was also actively involved in the JROTC Junior Cadet program. The football team kept Missar occupied with strenuous practices up to five times a week. Missar joked "with as much field time as I get, I might as well be a professional bench warmer." Although he said this, it is clear that his dedication makes him a valued member of the team.

~Christie Justis



Samantha Perara  
 Kyle Perry  
 Eleanor Persekian  
 Spencer Persica  
 Detlev Peters IV  
 Elijah Peterson  
 Natalie Peterson



Hailey Pfister  
 Stephanie Pham  
 Mackenzie Phillips  
 Arion Pierre  
 Tomas Pino Mejia  
 Zachary Plaster  
 Alexandra Plaughter



Emma Pointer  
 Britney Poinvil  
 Alexis Pope  
 Alejandra Portillo Chavez  
 Rebecca Post  
 Nicholas Potter  
 Andrew Powell



## Best Friends

Sophomores **Sarah Evans** and **Drew Roadarmel** were best friends for three and a half years and met because they live across the street from each other.

**Roadarmel's** best memory together was meeting, "I have never had a best friend like her before." They hang out everyday and describe their friendship as weird and crazy since they are always making jokes with each other. Their favorite movie to watch together is "Bridesmaids", they even talk in movie quotes. They plan on being best friends throughout high school and hope to end their high school career with a road trip to California.



~Megan Riedl

Devon Pratt  
 Jenna Presta  
 Christopher Przybocki



Samantha Pumphrey  
 Mark Puppo  
 Micah Quarles



Alethia Quintero  
 Sara Radhi  
 Kevin Ramos



Spencer Ramsey  
 Anna Redinger  
 Ariana Reeder







Emily Regis  
Hannah Regis  
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Jack Reiter  
Kawena Revis  
Marc Reynolds



Lillianne Rhea  
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Nolan Robertson  
Jarvis Robinson



Jordan Robson  
Sayed Rohani  
Nicolas Romero Lovo  
Brittany Roper  
Sara Roselius  
Emmalyn Rosenburgh  
Jayne Ross



Meghan Rowbottom  
Elizabeth Roy  
Joseph Ruppel  
Ciara Russell  
John Ryan II  
David Rydinsky  
Tamana Sadat



Yousuf Sahibzada  
Kian Salahshoor  
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Esra Sam  
Bianca Sanchez  
Aira Micaela Santos  
Taylor Savage



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Sedra Sediqi  
Michaela Sedlak  
Zachary Sedlak  
Juan Segura



Patrick Seise  
Garrison Setness  
Bhumik Shah  
Laura Shanks  
Kevin Sheehan  
Ian Sheesley  
Matthew Shellberg



Allan Shipman Jr  
Dariush Shirvanian  
Madison Short  
Steven Siakam  
Nathan Sim  
Anmol Singh  
Harry Singleton III



Stephen Smayda  
Brandon Smith  
Dixie Smith  
Lindsey Smith  
Quera Smith  
Rashon Smith  
Gregory Smith Jr



Scott Snow  
Hyun Young Son  
Jonathon Sovereign  
Kylie Speier  
Illia Stadnyk  
Veronica Stalker  
Lily Stanton



Ryan Stark  
Suzannah Stark  
Magdalene Stickel  
Matthew Stieglitz  
Dennis Strich  
Alec Sullivan  
Jacob Surprenant



Alexander Sweeney  
Alexis Swingle  
Lauren Tackett  
Matthew Taylor  
Tanner Thomas  
Aiden Thompson  
Demay Thong



Donavan Thornton  
Henna Thukral  
William Tickle Jr  
Dominique Tidwell  
Gabriela Tobar Romero  
Anna Torres  
Ramon Torres



Charbel Touma  
Timothy Toureau  
Jessica Tourville  
Alexander Trahan  
Clarence Tran  
Parker Treubert  
Matthew Tschida







Clarion Turner  
Leah Turner  
Sarina Upreti  
Sulav Upreti  
Michael Kainoa  
Valdez  
Jordan Vanroe  
Axel Vargas Zayas



Claudia Mae Velasco  
Jenna Ventura  
Jorge Ventura  
Michael Villagomez  
Christian Villatoro  
Teresa Wagner  
Megan Wagoner



Seth Walker  
Tyler Walker  
Brandon Waller  
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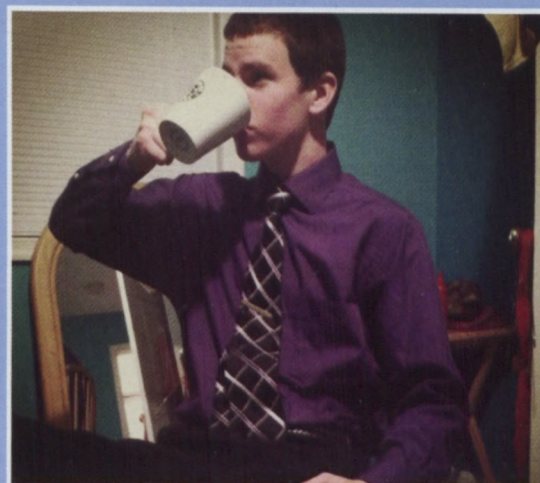


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Katherine White



Michael White  
Zachary Whitsett  
Annabelle Whitticar

## The Work Force



An exciting and nerve racking experience of sophomore year was interview day. Interview day was when all the sophomores had a chance to do a mock interview to test out their skills for a professional interview. Sophomore **Brett Manning** stated, "I am excited about interview day this year in order to prepare for jobs, I'm also excited to dress up and look nice." **Manning** also stated, "Even though I am excited I am a little bit worried about the questions that the interviewer will ask." Interview day will give them the skills they needed to be successful, whether interviewing for a summer job or college next year. **Manning** said, "I would apply at Dick's Sporting Goods or Sports Authority because I enjoy sports." Through Interview day he learned and acquired the confidence to apply for jobs that he will enjoy.

~Lindsay Manning



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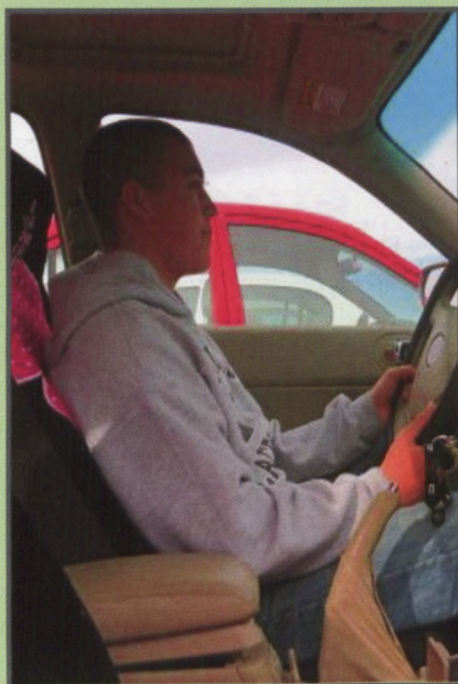
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Jaelyn Zeise  
Noah Zentz  
Rachel Zernick  
Rebecca Zewdie  
Daniel Zlatev



## Fast and Furious



Little sophomores were not so little anymore. Sophomore **Nicky Potter** finally received his permit. "I made the mistake of not studying and failed the test three times. I had to take a class for me to be able to try the test again." Being a new driver is not just scary for the driver but also for the parents. "I do not like driving with anyone, I just want to drive on my own." he said.

Most students looked forward to driving on their own but the fact that **Potter** could have received his license in April of freshman year but had to wait until May of

sophomore year made it much worse.

"I studied in the car on my way to the DMV. It did not really help" he said. **Potter** regretted not having studied earlier and had to face the consequences in the end.

Sophomores faced a big change as many of them received their permits; a step towards the rest of their independent lives.

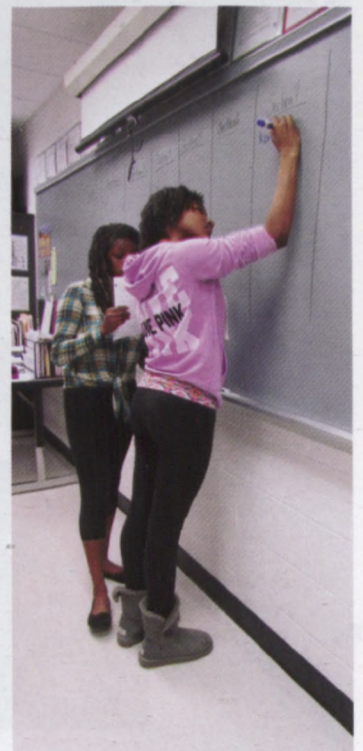
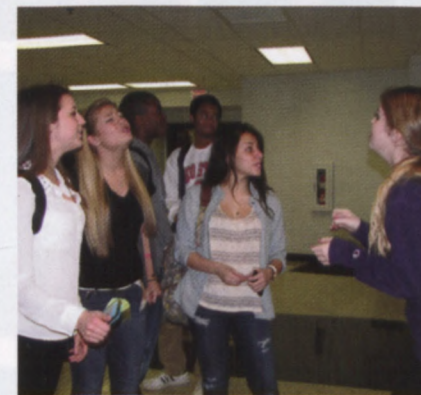
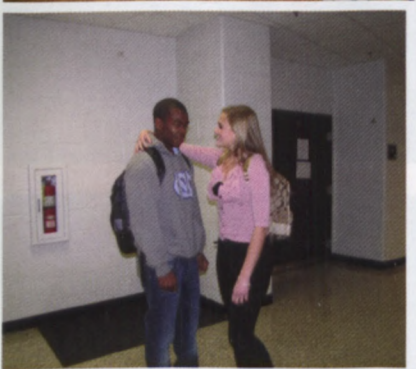
~ Madeline Laycock

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David Reyes  
Hana Terrel  
Aiden Thompson  
Thomas Vrchoticky







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Antony Acevedo Bautista  
Taylor Adams  
Sadhikshaya Adhikari  
Jake Agnos  
Roberto Aguilar  
Madison Aikau



Lauren Ainslie  
Christopher Aitken  
Zainalabdeen Al Birmani  
Marissa Alessi  
Claudia Almeda  
Victoria Alvarenga  
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Navolle Amiri  
Seong An  
Marissa Anderson  
Meghan Andrews  
Travis Angerman  
Maria Arango Mesa  
Natalie Arias



Kwabena Asiamah  
Jaret Asqueri  
Jerry Audi  
Michael Aurillo  
Parker Baddley  
Jacob Baker  
Hannah Baldwin



Taylor Baltimore  
Courtney Barloon  
Daniel Barry  
Miranda Bartheld  
Michael Bartone III  
Alexis Battista  
Kelly Bautista Vasquez







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James Beasley  
Savannah Bednash  
William Beich  
Claire Belcher  
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Raymond Bernot III  
Cierra Berry  
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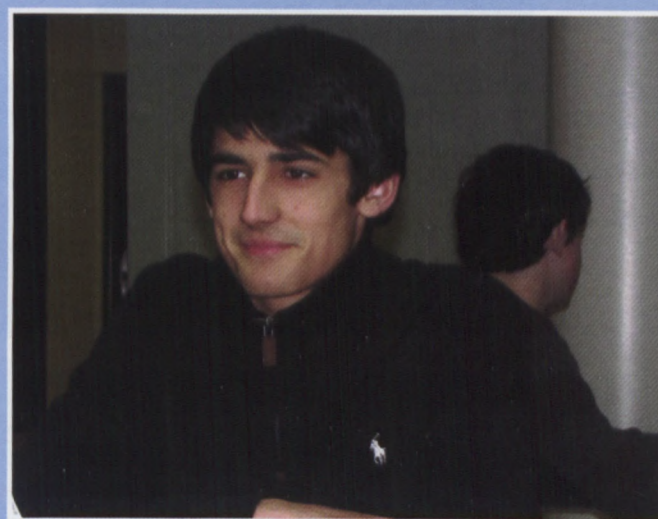


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Kenan Brackin  
Ian Brady  
Olevia Braithwaite

## New Beginning



Ever built a computer before? Well, freshman **Kurtis Thornton** has! Ever since **Thornton** was little he has researched his interest in computers. He has made computers with the windows operating system, and built his first computer at age 13. **Thornton** shared, "I make custom computers for people who need a high performance computer for any of their needs and making a profit." He planned on pursuing his computer passion as his profession in the future.

~ Eema Iftikhar



Zachary Braun  
Trevor Britton  
Corin Brown  
Emma Brown  
Noah Brown  
Sydney Bruns  
Candler Bryson



Steven Buchanan  
Lauren Buckhout  
Kody Budovec  
Douglas Bui  
Jonathon Burchett  
William Burdick  
Julia Burks



Kellie Burns  
Truman Butz  
Elisa Buzzalino  
Robert Bynum  
Ian Cabacungan  
Kevin Calderon  
Rosa Calderon



Kobe Canete  
Vanessa Capayachi  
Naomi Caprera



Elizabeth Carissimo  
Dominic Carlino  
Nathaniel Carlston



Emma Carnahan  
Kyla Carte  
Caleb Carter



Paris Casey  
Ashley Castell  
Alexis Castrellon



## Go Big or Go Home



Earning a position on a varsity team was a major struggle for freshmen to have to deal with. The transition from being the star player on a middle school team to having to earn a spot on the team in high school is a whole new game. Freshman **Caroline Skaff**, a player on varsity volleyball, said, "At the beginning of the season I was doubting myself and trying to figure out my place on the team." It was natural for a new coming teammate to feel confused or uncomfortable, but that was when they had to show that they could handle the heat. "I was worried about playing time, but I earned my spot," said **Skaff**. As a young athlete playing on a team with more experienced players, she had to strive to be better and keep up with her competition. **Skaff** played a very successful season as a starting varsity player. "I became more confident in myself," said **Skaff**. She continued to say, "I got a varsity letter and all district honorable mention." Through dedication, perseverance and patience a young athlete showed how one can exceed her biggest expectations.

~Courtney Key





Dante Catacora  
Colleen Chaplin  
Darius Chernitsky  
Anthony Chidiac  
Karli Chippis  
Robert Cinibulk  
Thomas Cisneros



Michael Clark  
Lianna Clarke  
Summer Clayton  
Louis Cocks  
Benjamin Coddington  
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Keira Guzman  
Asma Habibzai

## Crashed but not Broken



Freshman Abby Vega was in last period when she received an alarming message from her older sister that said "help me." As soon as the bell rang Vega ran outside to call her mom to find out that her sister had been in a terrible car accident. Vega and her mother rushed to Richmond VA and spent three days with her sister in the hospital while she recovered. The accident not only had an emotional toll on Vega but she also fell behind in her school work. Vega's sister has fully recovered and her and her family have learned not to take anything for granted.

~ Tori Kushner



Caroline Hackler  
Jin Young Han  
Alexandra Hanke  
Jacob Hardin  
Alyssa Harding  
Adam Hargitai  
Anna Hargitai



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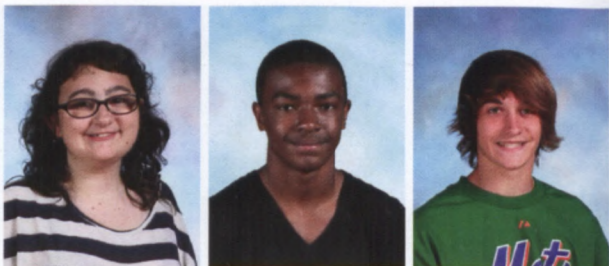
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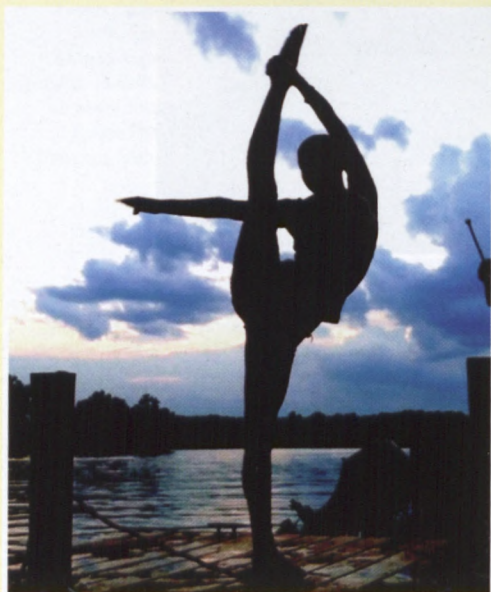


Caitlin Hewitt  
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Brendan Hogan



## The Life of a Freshman

Freshman year can put a huge amount of stress on students. With a new school, new teachers, and new peers, a new environment can be a lot to handle. Freshman **Catherine**



**"Catie" Swinsky** also had a lot on her plate. Catie was involved with the school's marching band, winter guard, and Spotlight dance.

**Swinsky** said, "I prefer marching band because it's a school grade, the practices are more productive, and the people are nicer than in dance." In band, Catie played the Mellophone.

During winter guard Catie had to sometimes carry around her wooden rifle or flag.

At Spotlight dance

Catie participated in tap, jazz, ballet, and pointe. At Spotlight they participated in recitals and multiple Christmas parades. Catie said, "Sometimes the practices overlap with each other, you just have to talk it out with the teachers." In her little free time Catie enjoyed just hanging out with her friends.

~Samantha Riedl

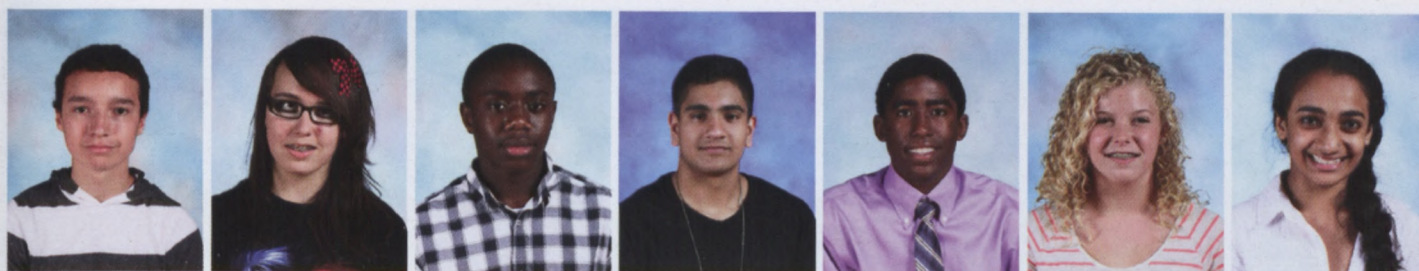




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Brandon Moses  
Danielle Mosko  
Samantha Mosle  
Nile Mosley



Emaya Moss  
Marissa Mulero  
Joshua Muniz



Brendan Murdie  
Sydney Murphy  
Ryan Murray



Jason Jr. Muse  
Demi Nadeau  
Jason Nam



Saidurga Nandakumar  
Gabrielle Naranjo  
Daniela Narvaez

## A Whole New World

Sitting at his table, freshman **Brian Lee** ate his lunch. Like many other freshmen, he had expectations of what high school would be like. "I was expecting to be overwhelmed by classwork and homework, but it's not that bad," he said. "Middle school was so much work, but now that I'm in high school, I realized that [middle school] is so much easier," exclaimed **Lee**. In high school, students had new freedoms that they did not have in middle school. For example, **Lee** said he had the freedom of "walking around in lunch," which he was not allowed to do in middle school. The first day of school was stressful for many newcomers. "I got lost in the halls five times, and it took forever to find my class," said **Lee**. High school may be challenging for the freshmen, but it exposes the students to new opportunities and experiences.



~Gene Lee



Hadley Nation  
Andrew Nessel  
Logan Nguyen  
Michelle Nguyen  
Robert Novak  
Dillon O'Brien  
McClane O'Brien



Colleen O'Dowd  
Aidan O'Neal  
Hannah Oentung  
Joao Ostos Bermeo  
Jonathan Otwell  
Jacob Ourada  
Jillian Page



Blake Pagon  
Michael Para  
Hyeon Park  
Joo Won Park  
Sung Park  
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Holly Parsons



Kimberly Parsons  
Mary Alice Patsalosavvis  
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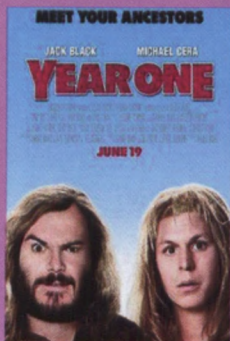
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Candice Peterson  
Phillip Phillips



Nicholas Phomsouvanh  
Natalie Pinto  
Anderson Plaster



*If you could travel back in time,  
what time would you travel to?*



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"I want to go back to the year one  
because the movie 'Year One' with  
Jack Black was awesome!"  
~ Freshman Kyle Best

"I would travel back to 2011, when I was in 8th grade,  
so I could fix all of the mistakes I made." ~ Freshman  
Brianna Doehrmann

"I would definitely go back to the  
1980's when 2Pac was alive and  
writing music. I would love to see  
what inspired him." ~ Freshman  
Peyton Stevens



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Madison Poland  
Ella Poletto  
Hannah Pope  
Calvin Porter  
Medelly Post  
Matthew Powell  
Kyla Prat



Austin Price  
Ivelisse Prieto Duran  
Andrew Purcell  
Angelica Quijano  
Maram Quttaineh  
Reeya Rabena  
Paola Ramirez Alvarez



Dante Rankin  
Randall Rawls  
Alexander Ray  
Kylie Ream  
Alexandra Redding  
Taylor Reed  
Bradley Reese



Carissa Reese  
Brett Reid  
Noah Xavier Reilly  
Nicholas Renfrow  
Sierra Reynolds  
Saam Rezaei  
David Rhee



Stephen Rhoades  
Carol Rice  
Jacob Ritter  
Gabriel Rivera  
Ashley Roberts  
Alexander Robey  
Sean Robey



Jerad Robles  
Riley Roche  
Luke Rogers  
Megan Rogers  
Shannon Rogers  
Gustavo Romero Serpas  
Mckenna Roper



Hannah Rosa  
Cara Ross  
Justin Runciman  
Jonathan Salter  
Alexis Sambuco  
Clayton Sandgren  
Gabriel Santillan



David Sauls  
Austin Sax  
Christian Saylor  
Andrew Schlagel  
Gabriella Schloss  
Jessica Schmidt  
William Schmidt



Alexis Schroeder  
Audrey Schroeder  
Audrey Schwartz  
Zachary Schwehm  
Emily Sciortino  
Jacob Sease  
Hannah Sepahpur



Brigid Sexton  
Nicholas Shablom  
Katherine Shaffer  
Matthew Sharer  
Keenan Sheesley  
Anthony Sherman  
Pouyan Shirvani



Gurlal Singh  
Skyler Sisk  
Andre Sivels  
Caroline Skaff  
Mark Skorija  
Tristan Smayda  
Brandy Smith



Evan Snyder  
Zechariah Somers  
Kanee Soufizadeh  
Mackenzie Sova  
Mikayla Sova  
Audrey Spaight  
Jenna Spedden



Cole Spofford  
Erica States  
Zachary Stein  
Olivia Stephenson  
Peyton Stevens  
Courtney Stewart  
Hannah Stickel



Kirsten Strother  
Monica Suarez  
Abdishakur Sudi  
Justine Marie Suegay  
Kyle Swain  
Madeline Swingle  
Catherine Swinsky







Andrew Sykes  
Mason Szlapak  
Tun Yi Tan  
Estevan Tatem  
Matthew Tavani  
Andrew Taylor III  
Kyle Tewell



An Thai Thai  
Kellionna  
Thammavongsa  
Amber Thaxton  
Benjamin Thiriot  
Rithisak Thlang  
Molly Thornberg  
Kurtis Thornton



Myia Thornton  
Yafeng Tian  
Mary Katherine Tillotson  
Theodore Todorov  
Brooke Toelle  
Isaiah Toman  
Paul Toomey



Nataly Torrico  
Samuel Toureau  
Blake Trace



Aimee Trettel  
Mia Troiano  
Meghan Tschida



Niki Tsutsumi  
David Turnbull  
Brooke Turner



Brittany Ullman  
Jesse Umphreys  
Sarah Ung

## Cheering Straight to the Top



Freshman **Alexis Sambuco** has cheered for most of her life. Her freshman year she had to learn how to balance competitive cheerleading with varsity cheerleading at school. Not only did she have to balance those two teams, she also had to add school work into that equation as well. What was it like to be a freshman on a Varsity level team? "It's a lot of fun, but it's a little weird because you're on a team with people who are so much older than you. I wouldn't trade it for the world though!" said **Sambuco**. She finished the year strong, and had a successful school year as well.

~Mikayla Kyle



Christopher Urioste  
Guillermo Valdez Lemus  
Abigail Vega  
Lillian Velke  
Charles Vermillion  
Sydney Viar  
Ethan Villagran



Caitlin Villavicencio Delafe  
Pauline Vu  
Joseph Wald  
Brianna Wall  
Nehemiah Walls  
Brady Walther  
Dana Wang



James Watson  
Jacob Wescott  
Jheryll West  
Elizabeth Wheeler  
Brandon Whiting  
Nora Williams  
Ryan Williams



Susan Williams  
Sydney Williams  
Trenton Winstead  
Katelyn Wisor  
Zachary Witham  
Eric Wolf  
Thomas Woo



Aden Wooliever  
Jacob Wooten  
Madeleine Word  
Morgan Worthy  
Chelsea Wragg  
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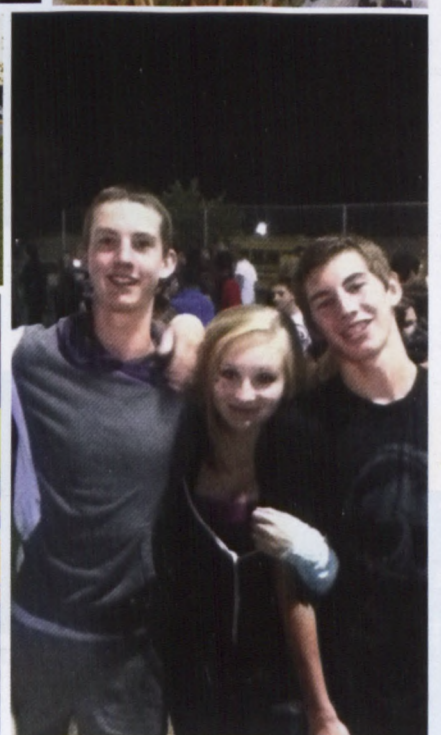
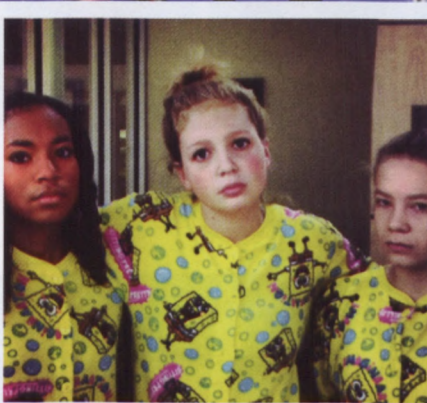
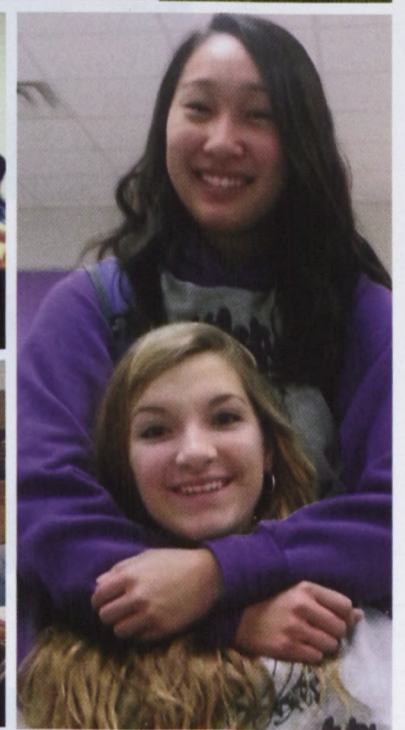


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Jim Zieleman  
Michael Zika  
Thomas Zika  
Angelica Zurita



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Davis Bryars  
Ashley Castell  
Cedric DeHerrera  
Mark Elmore  
Morgan Harding  
Elijah Paine  
Albert Prieto







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Custodian



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Mathematics



Kathleen Avery  
Special Education



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Mathematics



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Steele  
Special Education  
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Secretary



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Marching Band



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Baseball



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NAHS



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EDGE, Newspaper



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Secretary



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Girls Soccer

"Success is as much  
about hard work as  
it is intelligence."  
~ Colonel Cartee





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Football



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Bookkeeper



Laura Hernandez  
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Young Democrats

"'Once' can be a very important choice in your life, so be wise about the choices you make."

~Mrs. Johnson



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E.S.O.L.  
International Club



K Charlotte Peyton  
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Sketch Club



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Diana Pool  
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Forensics  
Science Club



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Casey Souders  
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Key Club



Robert Stevens  
Copy Manger



David Suthers  
Special Education



Katherine Thiele  
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Michelle  
Thompson  
Mathematics  
Interact Club



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Earth Science



Kenneth Tiemeyer  
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Assistant Principal



Cindy Zumbrum  
Registrar

"Once upon a time.... I was a  
good student, now I work to be a  
great teacher."

~Mr. Marsh



## Mrs. Bailey



Mrs. Bailey is originally from Pennsylvania, she moved to Virginia when she got married. "I have three sons, who all attend Osbourn Park High School." Being a teacher gave her insight into what was expected of her sons and how to communicate with her son's teachers. One interesting thing about Mrs. Bailey is that she used to play field hockey in high school and college, and played in five national tournaments. Originally, she wanted to be a physical education teacher.



## Mrs. Gallitz



Mrs. Gallitz has lived in Virginia her entire life and moved to Northern Virginia for college. She has a family of two kids who are ages two and four. One thing her students may not know about her is that she is really interested in digital photography and editing. When Mrs. Gallitz is not in school, she never goes anywhere without a camera, and takes pictures every single day. She will continue teaching for the rest of her life.



## Mrs. Cooper



Mrs. Cooper is a native Virginia, she moves to Northern Virginia in 1999 for her first teaching job. She is a six year old child. She was a Elementary librarian for 12 years, but after having her son she started thinking about changing to a higher level school. "Being a teacher has made me a more effective parent because I have given me experience and taught me patience with young kids," shared Mrs. Cooper. Many students don't know that she is the opposite of a vegetarian, she doesn't like fruits or vegetables. Her plans are to continue teaching. Cooper would like to get a MLIS (Master of Library Information Science) degree and to also try a college library.



Mrs. Dittmer was born and raised in Prince William County. He does not have any kids, but he has a big family of 11 nieces and nephews. One thing not many know about him is that he is working on his second book that involves the "Bruster Boys." Mr. Dittmer plans on teaching for the rest of his life, unless he wins the lottery!

## Mr. Dittmer

## Mr. Nemerow



Mr. Nemerow has lived in Virginia for his whole life. He has a family with three kids. Education for him is a great field for a parent, it allows for a daily schedule that mirrors that of their kids, so they do not have to miss time with them. Everyone including his mom, dad, sister, two brothers, and everyone in his immediate family is an educator in Prince William County. "I'm not very preoccupied by what county I will work. I just want a good commute, and a soccer team to coach." He's not sure if he will continue teaching. He would like to make a lateral move and become a Physical Education teacher, but he will see where that goes.



# Baby Bonanza

## Faculty as Babies



Mrs. O'Keefe was born in Alexandria, but has lived overseas a few times. After each move she always came back to her home in Virginia. She has a family with her husband and two sons. "One bad side of being a teacher is that I spend more time with my students than with my own children. The good part is that I get to spend summers and holiday with my children!" One thing many people may not have known is that she wrote a children's book, but never tried to submit it for publication. Mrs. O'Keefe has always wanted to work in Prince William county, from elementary through high school. She was excited to begin teaching in a Prince William County School.



Mrs.  
O'Keefe

To many, it may seem impossible to imagine their teachers as children. However, they also experienced growing up, teenage relationships, trouble with teachers, close friendships and rivalries; and many struggled to keep keep grades up. They even had favorite toys such as **Mr. Nemrow** who said "Transformers are my favorite toy, I had all shapes and sizes."

Many students could relate when **Mrs. Morton** shared, "My favorite toy was my blankie."

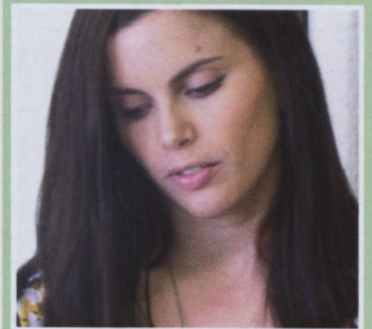
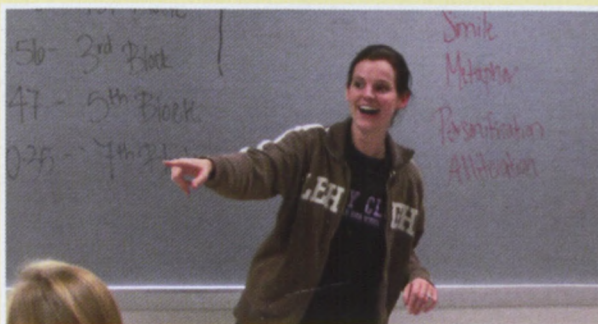
Not all teachers knew they wanted to be teachers like **Mr. Dittmer** said, "I never wanted to be a teacher," but somehow he found his way to teaching, and is a favorite amongst the students.

~Eema Iftikhar

## Mrs. Morton



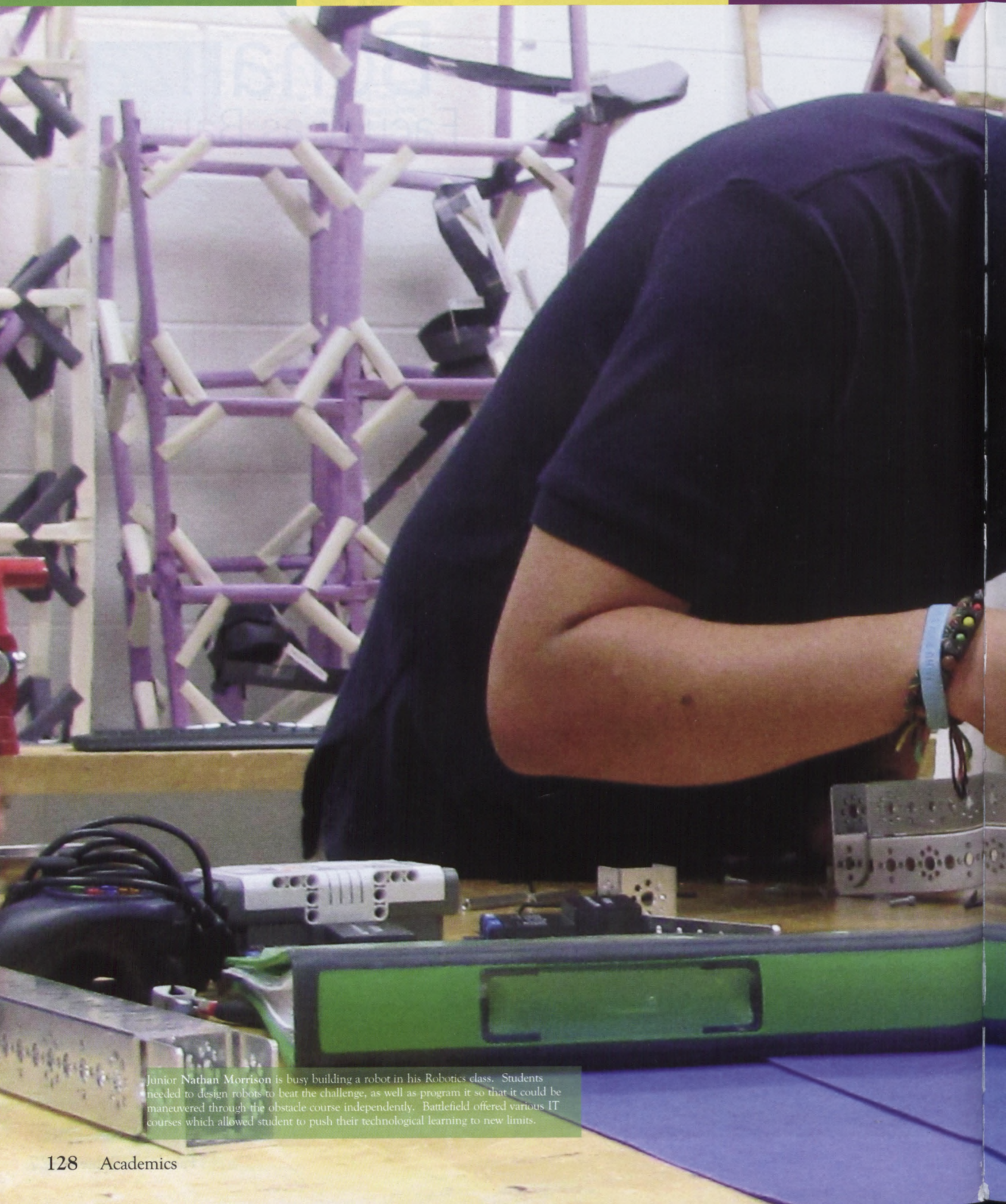
Mrs. Morton moved to Prince William County due to her husband's job. She doesn't have any kids, but she wants a family later in her life. She is enjoying married life without having to worry about taking care of young children. "One thing students don't know about me is that I have a dual citizenship. I am both Canadian and American, and I was born in Canada. My father's family is a all Latvian, so my first name originates from Latvia, and I grew up immersed in Latvian culture." She chose to work in Prince William County due to the proximity of where of where she lives. Mrs. Morton said, "I love working at Battlefield High School, I am happy I ended up here!" She will continue teaching her because everyday offers new challenges, which makes the job exciting. Her students motivate her due to the strong senses of community that is developed in a classroom and school.



Miss Starkey moved to Manassas from Blacksburg, Virginia during the summer of 2010 in order to accept a position at Battlefield. Although she is not married nor has children yet, but she shared with us "I would say that being a teacher has prepared me to have children in the future. I have learned about motivation and discipline which I know will help me be a good mother." One thing that many students may not know is Miss Starkey is skilled at both singing and playing the piano, and she also rollerblades. She has always wanted to work in Northern Virginia, right outside the D.C area. She has tons of friends in the surrounding counties.

## Miss Starkey





Junior Nathan Morrison is busy building a robot in his Robotics class. Students needed to design robots to beat the challenge, as well as program it so that it could be maneuvered through the obstacle course independently. Battlefield offered various IT courses which allowed student to push their technological learning to new limits.



# Academics

Students who attended Battlefield received not only a quality education, but memorable and life changing experiences.

Although the school offers various sports teams and clubs, but those were just side-stories of how academics prepared students for the future. Classes set the stage for college and the future; students had just one chance to make it count.

Freshmen experienced their first year learning at the high school level. This was their first chance to build a strong GPA. For the first time they experienced the stress and excitement of choosing classes at various levels as well one elective; some of which put them in class with upperclassmen.

It was the year sophomores took Driver's Education and learned safe driving. Many received their licenses, along with more responsibility, freedom and independence. They also were expected to take more challenging classes, and a variety of electives to choose from.

Junior year was the year that began their college aspirations in earnest. It was their first chance to pass the research paper. They went through the stress of writing the paper, followed by the anticipation of pass the paper, and whether they would graduate.

Seniors researched and applied to several different colleges. This was the last year in high school; and fighting senioritis became a challenge for many.

During school, 89 percent of the day was spent in the class room. That was where the most fun happened and that was where students had to make it count!

~ Kelly McGivillary  
Academics Divider 129





# Studying Socializing Preparing

## Before the Bell

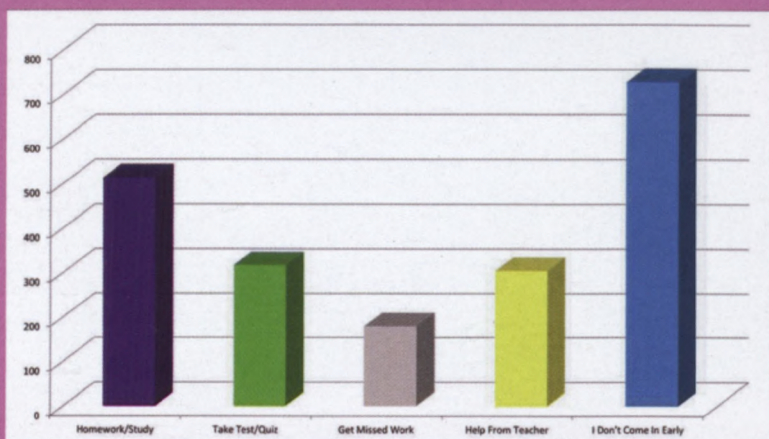
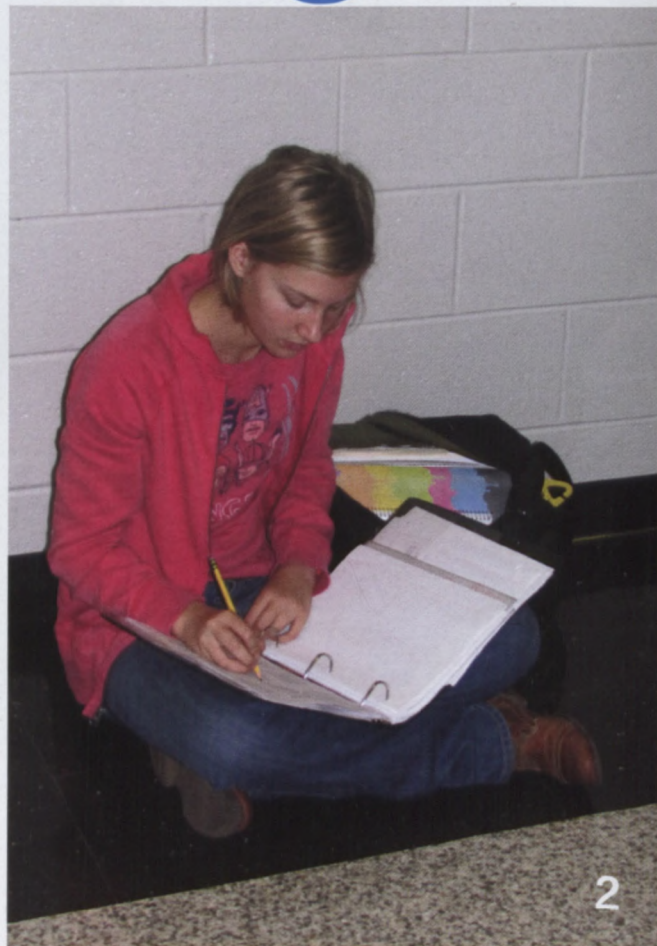
When asked the question, "Do you come into school early?" most students would have simply laughed. Having to attend school for seven hours a day; few dreamed coming into school before they were even required to.

Some called it torture, senior **Noah Jones** explained, "Being a senior this year, my last year in high school, I don't plan on coming into school early unless I really need to, so I don't fail a class. I had the last three years to do that." Although Jones does not like to come in early, there are those who feel differently.

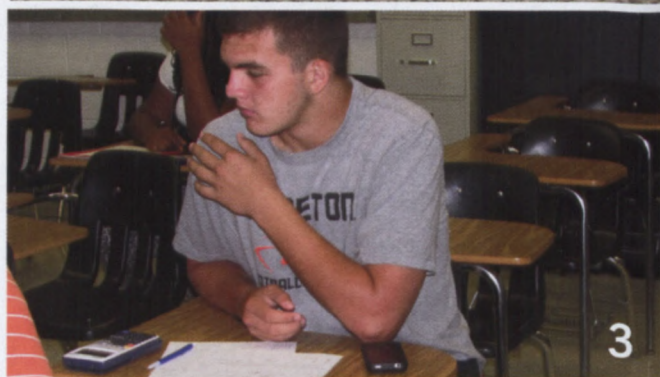
Some students liked to take advantage of the time offered before school. Students made up missed work, retook a test or quiz, asked their teachers questions, or completed homework. "I'm not really a morning person but I do care a lot about my grades. So being able to come into school before everyone else, to ask my teacher a questions, I really like that," explained sophomore **Hollie Hurdle**.

Whether studying or socializing, the halls were often full of students who arrived at school before the bell.

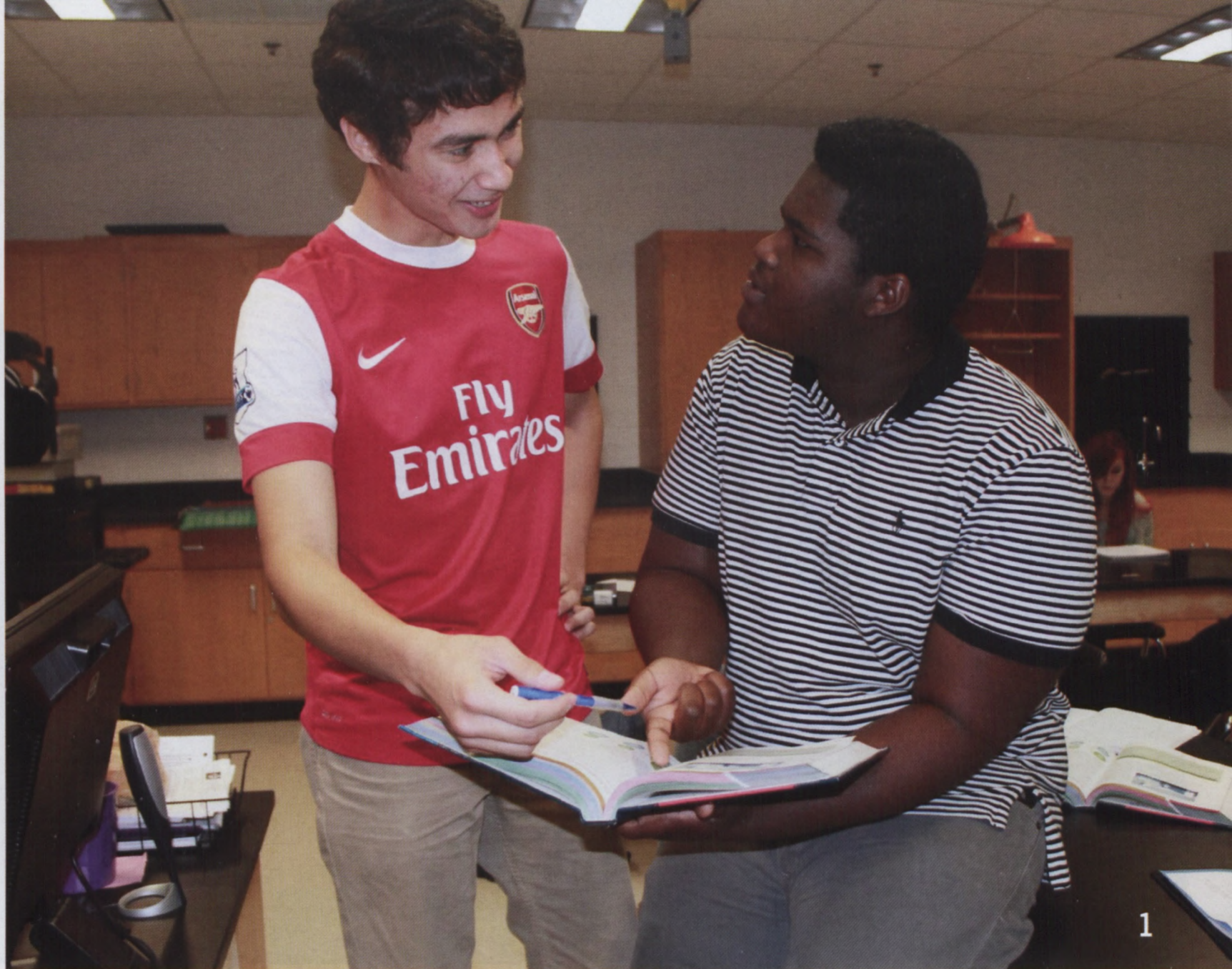
~Caitlin McDermott



Students were polled to see what they did before the 7 a.m. warning bell rung each morning. Options were: homework/study, take test/quiz, get missed work, help from a teacher, and I don't come in early. Out of 2500 students polled, 700 said they do not come into school before the bell. Almost 500 said if they do come in early, it is to do homework and study; only 150 students said they came to school to get missed work.







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1. Seniors **Farkhod Tulaganov** and junior **Kwami Asiana** study hard for a test they would take later in the day. "Great power comes with great responsibilities and grades. Study hard and you will go far" said Tulaganov. Both students occasionally came to school early in order to prepare for quizzes and tests.

2. Junior **Virginia Gagnon** revising notes before school. She arrived at school around 6:45 every morning. Coming into school early gave students the benefit to do more activities after school, students could also ask to meet with teachers to clarify assignments and notes. Gagnon would either do homework from the night before, or for the next day.

3. Senior **Ryan Swingle** making up a test he had missed. The time spent before school allowed Swingle to stay on track and keep up with his studies instead of having to stay after. Swingle was busy with

football as well as a variety of other after school activities, so being able to come in before school fit his schedule much better.

4. Pictured left to right: Juniors **Jacob Watts**, **Mathew Thomas**, **Tyler Payne**, **Jake Munies**, and **Jimmy Shifflette** talk before school in the commons. Many people loved to hang out and chill with friends before school. It is a good way to connect with people and see one another before class.

5. Sophomores **Nathan Sim** and **Vladislav Belov** chatting outside of their classroom, while waiting for their teacher to get to school. Students came into school before the bell to get help with material they may not have understood. Senior **Richard Martinez** also came in early to ask a couple of questions about what they would be doing in class that day.



# Bright and Early

## 1st Period Academics

Students who enrolled in life planning studied the basic skills that they would need to live on their own. They learned about taxes, how to buy a car, renting an apartment, consumerism, how to obtain insurance, and much more. Students found this class to be very informative, and felt confident that they could live independently in the future.

Senior **Linh Nguyen** said, "I was accidentally placed in this class, but it turned out to be pretty fun because I ended up learning a lot of new things." **Nguyen's** classmate junior **William Casey III** said, "I enjoy life planning because now I know what to expect in life and it's not awkward, even though I'm a guy."

Although often a predictable class, none of **Casey's** classmates expected him to walk into class wearing a bacon costume, but that's exactly what he did. **Casey** and his friend made a bet whether or not **Casey** could do 25 pull ups with a ten pound weight around his waist. Unfortunately **Casey** lost that bet, which would explain why he walked into first period wearing a bacon costume. Pictures of him were posted on social networks later that afternoon, and he was talked about all morning.

~Samantha Riedl



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Juniors **Kent Komine**, **Ben Robson**, Christopher "Logan" **Hambric** and Senior **Andrew Barentine** work together to complete their project in Challenges of Engineering and Robotics II. The IT program was a specialty program offered at Battlefield. Some selective IT classes offered students both college and high school credits and prepared students for the future. Junior **Teresa Elmore** said, "I need computer skills because I'm home schooled. I come to Battlefield for this class and web tech.." Classes such as these prepared the students for the growing IT industry.



Learning to speak Spanish, the second most spoken language in the United States, creates more opportunities for students, both academically and culturally. Freshman **Lilly Velke** said that she took Spanish to further her education, "I plan to take Spanish until I'm fluent, so I can travel to Mexico and communicate with the people there." The majority of Spanish students planned to continue and further their Spanish, both in high school and eventually in college as well.

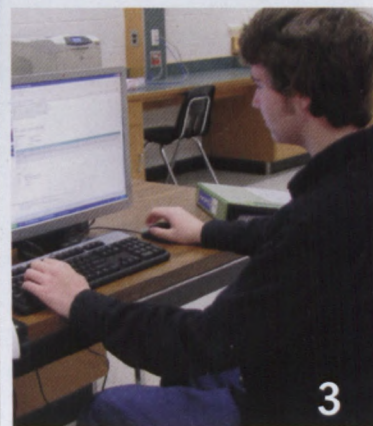




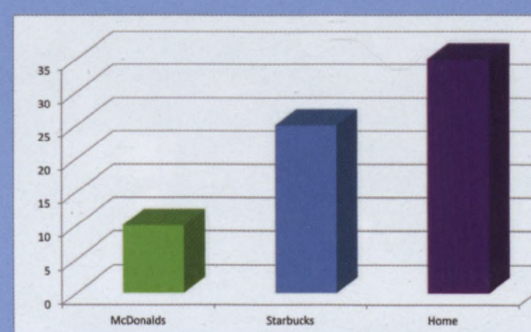
1. Junior William Casey III wears a bacon costume into homeroom one morning. This was unusual, and a hot topic of discussion because of the fact that it was not a spirit day. Casey had become a distraction of the morning, even to people who didn't have him in their homeroom

2. Senior Emily Harris paints a DECA sign during her first period Sports Marketing. Harris painted this sign in order to promote Kids Helping Kids (KHK). Kids Helping Kids is a cancer organization which raises money for children with cancer.

3. Junior Noah Lynn is enrolled in IT Network Design as well as IT Database Design. He takes these two technology classes because, "I wouldn't want to be in any other extracurricular activities." With these classes, Lynn is on his way to getting his dream job in technology.



Seniors Imani Key and Seth Koppisch work together to put up their homework answers on the white board. Oceanography was a class which taught students about the ocean, as well as the earth surrounding it. Predominately a senior class, these students took Oceanography for a topic of interest. Some students planned to expand their knowledge in Oceanography like senior Koppisch. "I'm thinking of majoring in Geography, so I wanted further knowledge of the ocean," he explained.



A survey was conducted to see how many students drank coffee in the mornings. Some students drank coffee to wake themselves up in the early hours of the day, or just simply because they enjoy the taste. The results showed that surprisingly, Starbucks and McDonalds were trumped by homemade coffee.



# Is Super Second?

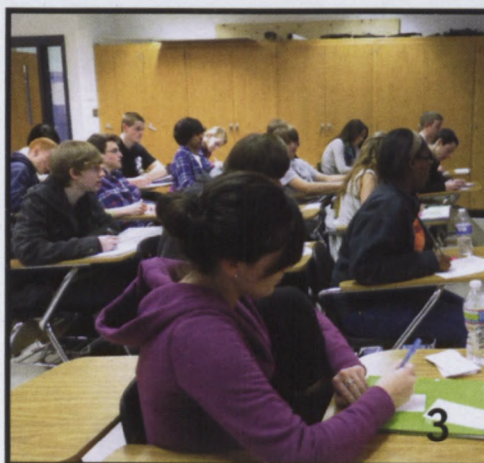
## 2nd Block

Second Block is a class period that took place between 8:26 and 9:56 on purple day mornings. Despite this class's early time frame, many students found ways to stay alert and enthusiastic during this class. Freshman **Mackenzie Hollingsworth** stated that "My second block class is actually the class that wakes me up in the mornings!" Students generally stayed very positive about their classes, even if they were very challenging. Senior **Miranda Stevens** claimed, "I really enjoyed physics this year after taking calculus junior year. It made a lot more sense to me and it was neat to connect the two."

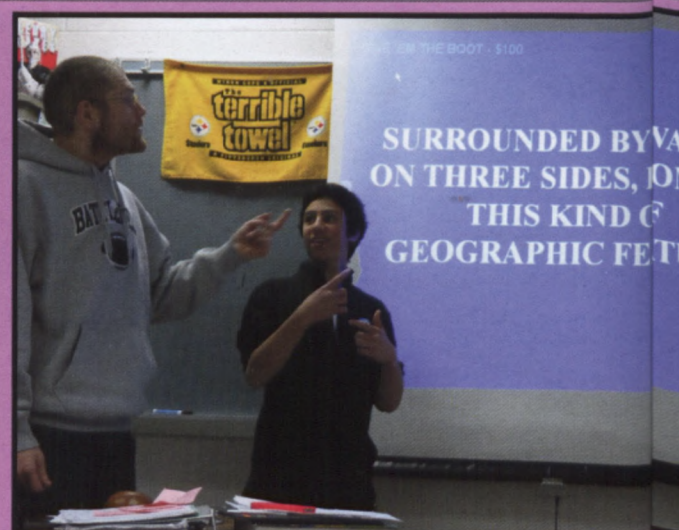
Students often have to push themselves to be successful in their courses. But in addition to the challenging classes such as physics, there were a variety of expressive classes that help students relax and unwind after their core academic classes. Sophomore **Katie McAteer** stated "I like my second block class because it is art class and I get to be creative and express myself."

Second block at Battlefield offered a wide variety of classes. No matter what class a student had during their second block, whether it is their most challenging or least challenging class, it is a very important for them to participate and learn to grow as a student.

~Christie Justis



Freshmen **Rachel Hong** and **Mackenzie Hollingsworth** cheerfully working on their assignments for IT Graphic Design. Their teacher Ms. McGann was a very helpful and intelligent IT class teacher. **Hollingsworth** and many other students in that course enjoyed the freedom of being able to work in a class with a very low stress environment. Students work on drawing designs that could later be used in printed material, although contrary to popular belief, IT Graphic Design does not involve computers. After taking IT Graphic Design and learning the elements of art needed for graphic designing, student move to iT Computer Graphic or IT Multimedia I.



Freshman **Jerry Audi** discusses midterm review Jeopardy with his second teacher, while freshman **Ben Coddington** looks on. Mr. Fair. Fair explained thoroughly, to ensure his student's success on the midterm exam. **Audi** enjoyed it, he's really funny and chill." Students studied human history from the world through the 15th century. After World History, students take AP World History/Geography II.





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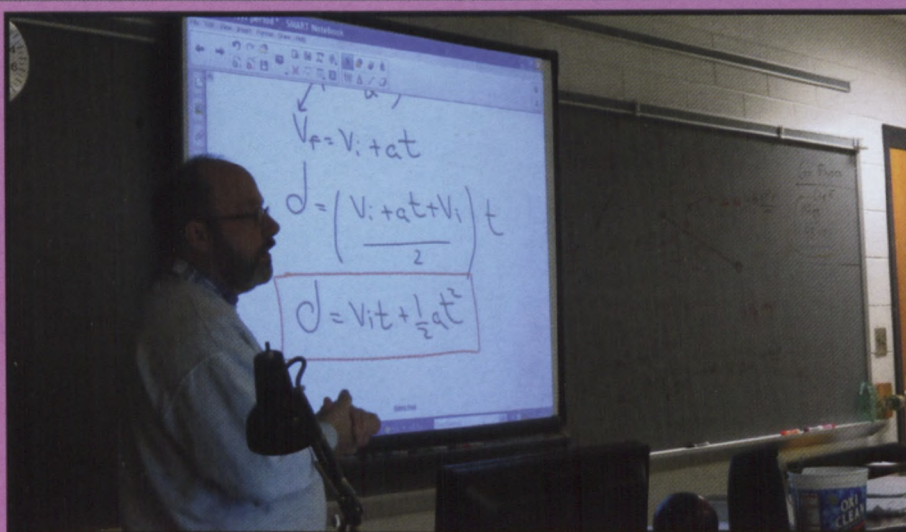
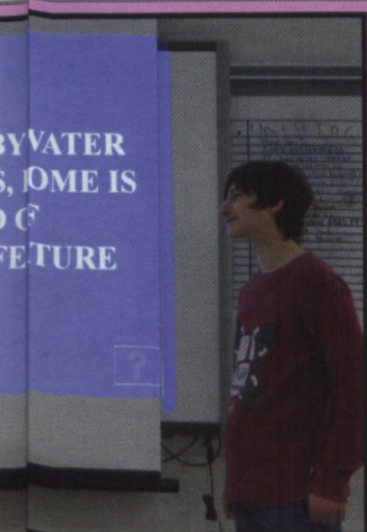
1. Freshman **Sabrina Drescher** paints a flower for her IT graphic Design project. IT graphic design taught students about the ethical issues in the commercial field, management of time to meet deadlines, working in a team, and expressing and defending their ideas. This painting used many vibrant colors to enhance the artwork and used many elements she was taught in this class.
2. Sophomore **Sean Cephus** rolls up a poster for his World History Geography 1 class. His teacher was Mrs. Kloepper, who taught five blocks of this freshman class. This course was very interesting because they discussed many aspects of the ancient world.
3. Seniors **Miranda Stevens** and **Tapi Mbundure** taking notes in Mr. Moulén's physics class. Both girls really enjoyed the attainable challenge this class presented. Mbundure stated "I really enjoy my physics class, everyone is very educated and knows what they're taking about, they're also always happy to help each other out."
4. Junior **Thien Dao** working on a creative assignment for his Art II class. This art class was very relaxed and enjoyable class. It gave many students an enjoyable break during their second block to have fun.



Sophomore **Katie McAteer** working on an art project for her second block class. McAteer enjoyed her class very much because of her up beat teacher. One of the things she enjoyed most about this class was socializing with all of her friends.



Junior **Brittany Cole** working on a project in her Art II class. This second block course had many unique assignments due throughout the duration of her junior year. Cole intently focusing on her work to make an attractive project and get a good grade on the assignment.



**Mr. Moulén** instructing his second block physics class. Physics is a natural science that involves the study of matter and its motion through space and time. Juniors and seniors can take physics, but only have taken chemistry and Algebra II. Students who take physics often have an interest in studying the sciences in college. Students spend a lot of time completing hands-on-experiments and labs which help them understand how the theories of physics apply to the real world.

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# Once We're All Awake

## 3rd Block

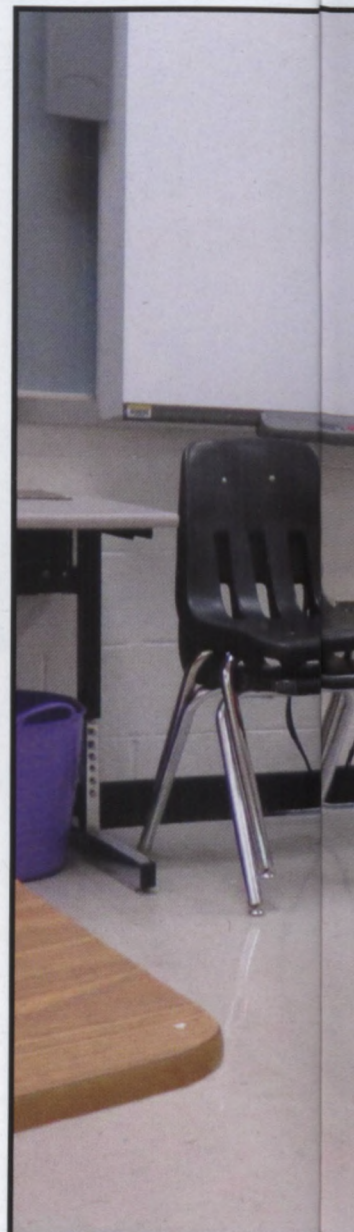
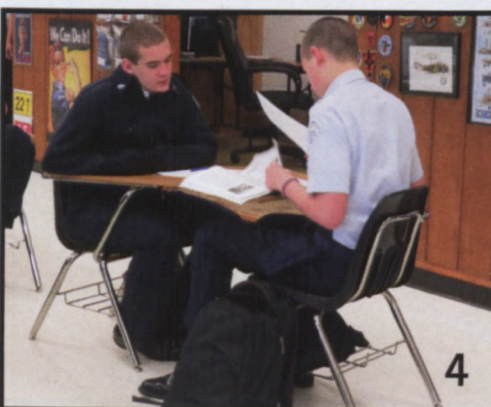
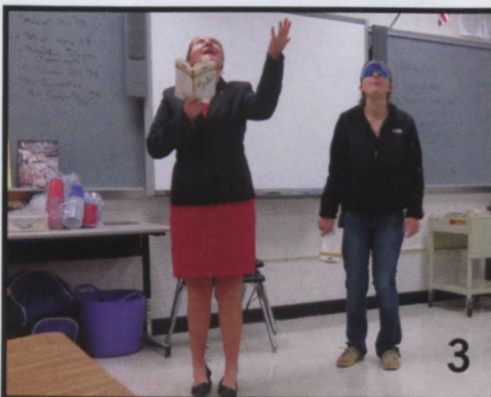
So much goes on during 3rd block, which is sandwiched between 1st and 5th block on odd days. Students were just waking up and already anxious for lunch. Teachers tried their best to make their classes interesting for everyone. During Mr. Lem's AP Literature class he enjoyed acting out the odd parts of readings/plays and encouraged his students to do that as well. Even though there was a little more work in AP English than in English 12, the class was still made into a fun experience.

In JROTC they had just as much fun, even though it was all about customs and courtesies. Many students expressed wanting to go to VMI Military College and Coast Guard. They felt prepared for either these opportunities by taking this class. Sophomore **Sophia McDaniel** stated, "I enjoy the family aspect of this class; we're like a unit and we honor those who serve our country. Although class is enjoyable, students during 3rd block still had plenty to learn.

In Pre-AP World History, Freshman **Nelson Demarest** said, "The intensity of this class helps us all learn to study and stop procrastinating."

In Chorus, it was all about building friendships and all working to achieve a common goal. Senior **Charlie Husser** said "I take three different chorus classes and practice an hour a day on my own." Even though this 'middle' block is often overlooked, academic excellence was achieved again and again.

~Megan Riedl

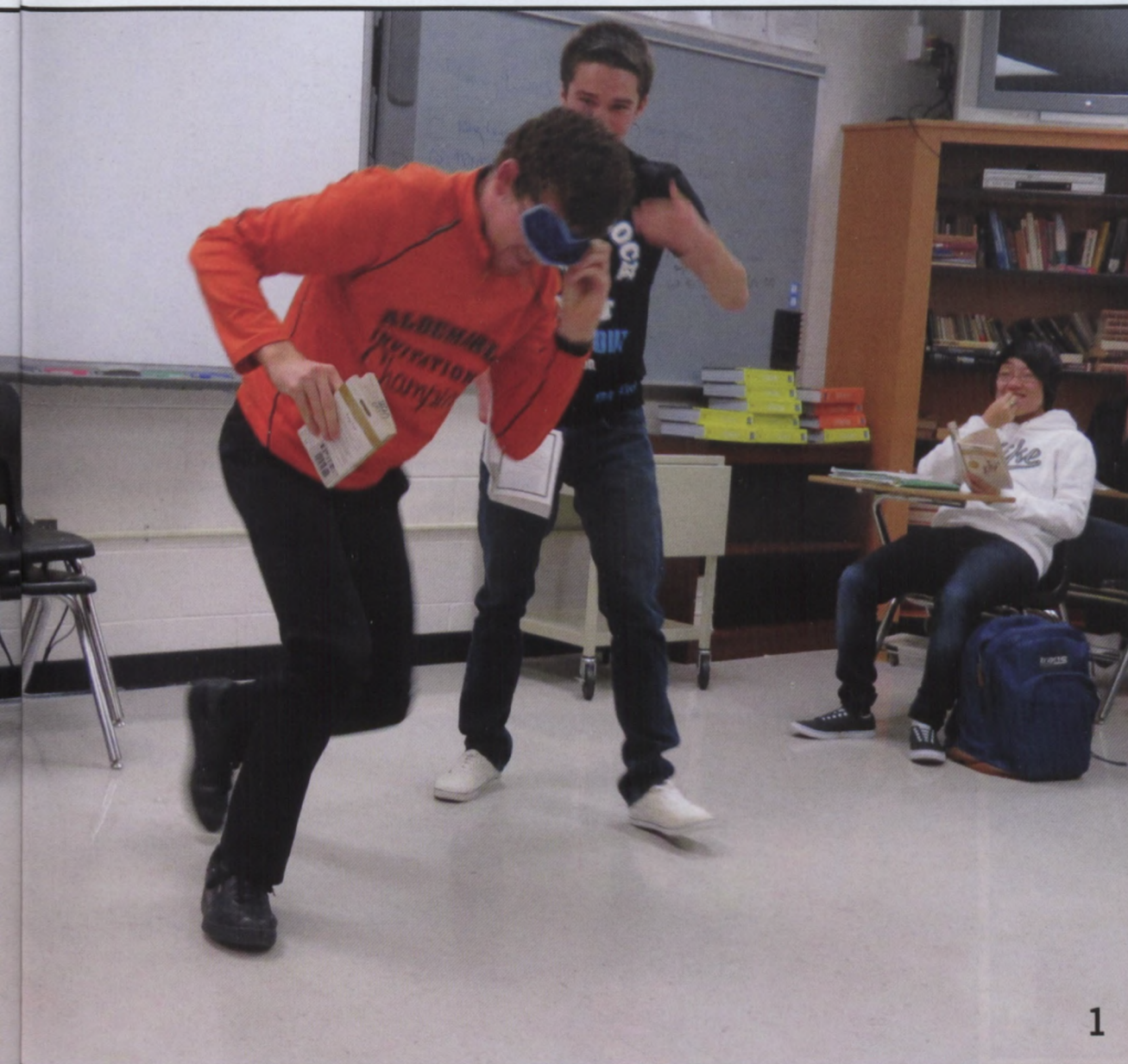


Students in Varsity Chorus practice singing their music in class. They practice often to produce a flawless concert. Sophomore **Thia Carayiannis** says, "My favorite part about this class is chorus concerts because it sums up everything that we have worked for." There were several different chorus classes offered: Battlefield Singers, Bel Canto, Donne Coro, Men's Choir, Varsity Choir and Treble Choir. Some students took multiple choir classes at once.



Ms. Rector's Pre AP World History class take notes and listens to their PowerPoint. The presentation was about amputation and disease. Freshman **Kayley Herr** says "this class is a lot of work but a great teacher so you learn a lot." Students who successfully completed Pre-AP World History during their sophomore class, their first AP class, and the only one.



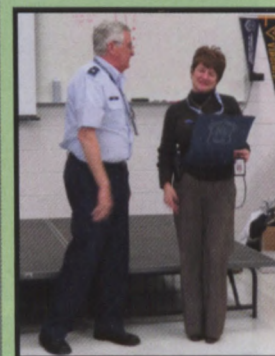


1. Seniors Connor Lee and Luke Mazzu act out Shakespeare's *King Lear*. Lee played the character Gloucester and Mazzu played Edgar. Mazzu led his blind father (Lee) to a cliff, but there was not one.

2. Mr. Lem's AP Literature class reads *King Lear* aloud. Lem's students really embraced the acting of the play by creating accents for their characters. Senior Olivia Brown stated, "Mr. Lem makes everything interesting, so it's a good class."

3. Seniors Alexandra Vasel and Sara Wedemeyer acting out the third act of *King Lear*. Vasel played the part of King Lear and Wedemeyer played the Blind Gloucester. This is a rigorous play taught in most AP Literature classes, but not all classes put as much enthusiasm in their acting as Mr. Lem's seniors.

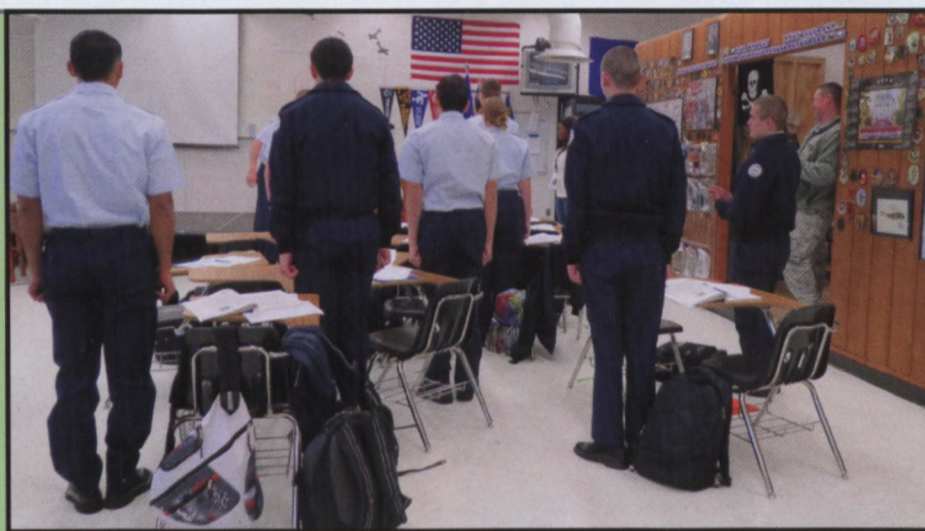
4. Sophomore Thomas Belyea and Junior Joey Stacey working at finishing their book work and packets in JROTC class. They learned about the customs and courtesies of the Air Force. This class helped students succeed in not only the military, but any career after high school.



Above: Col Cartee gives Ms. Cordle a certificate of appreciation. He said she was an outstanding secretary and wanted to honor her in front of his JROTC class. Mrs. Cordle is also very supportive of the JROTC program.



Point. Today's PowerPoint lesson is a lot of work, but Mrs. Rector is a AP World History moved on the AP One offered to sophomores.



Col Cartee's JROTC class stand at attention for Ms. Cordle as she walks into their class. The class showed respect to someone of a higher authority by standing to attention, and were required to do so whenever an adult or student with authority entered the room. "This class prepares you even if you don't want to enter the Air Force, because it teaches time management and leadership, stated sophomore Sophia McDaniel. In addition to learning to stand to attention, students learned how to conduct drills, how to present the flag at important school functions, participate and manage charitable events, the history of the military and receive help in applying to the various academies, and even enlisting for some graduating seniors.



Above: Varsity Chorus practices their music. Students must work hard in chorus and most plan on continuing their music career after high school. Successful concerts are a huge accomplishment for all of the students.





Junior **Samantha Bradley** works hard on her midterm review while sitting in Sports Marketing . During midterm time students study hard so they did good on the tests. "School has always been my first priority, many kids focus on their social life more than school work; but I'm aware of the fact that my friends aren't the ones getting me into University, my grades are," Bradley shared.

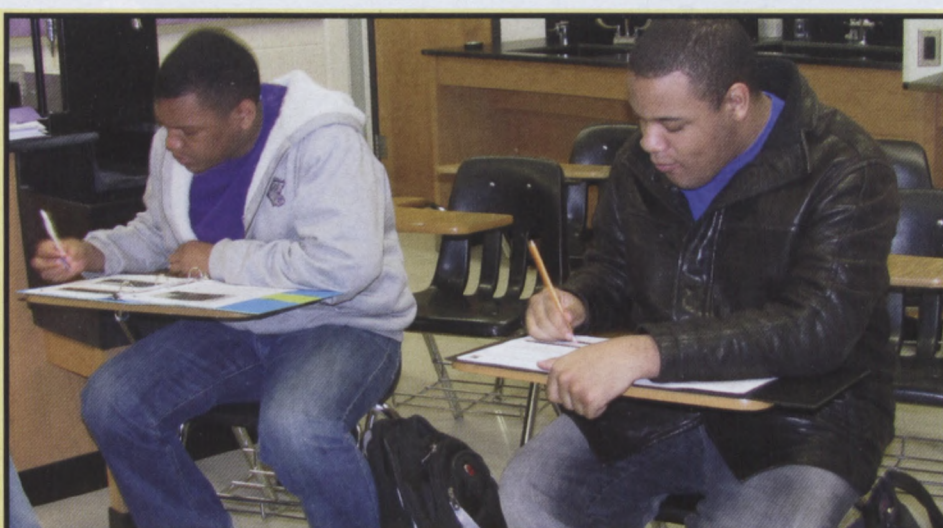
Junior **Stephanie Cercy** sits in photography working on her sketchbook page. Photography class her favorite part of the day. " I love this class, I look forward to it every day. It's like a little escape from reality, somewhere where no one is judging you."







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Seniors **Justin Payton** and **Corey Morton** working together in Mrs. Utter's Physics class. Physics taught students about matter and energy, and the relationship between them. "We were working on a speed, velocity and time worksheet and it was actually kind of fun. This class is very helpful for anyone who would want to major in science."

1. Seniors **Michael Hanlon**, **Matthew Conway**, and **John Agnos** experience the pain of punishment at the Crime and Punishment Museum in Washington, D.C. Each year Forensics teacher **Mrs. Renberg** takes a group of student to the museum to see the role that forensics plays in solving crimes. "I was surprised at how much fun I actually had at the museum, I learned a lot" Hanlon shared.

2. Juniors **Brandon Eanes**, **Andrew Parnarouskis**, and **Cody Lucas** catch a break from class while sitting at lunch enjoying time with friends. "I look forward to lunch everyday, it gives me to time to reorganize myself and catch up with friends," Eanes said.

3. Many of the sophomore boys preparing for the mandatory push up test in the fourth block P.E. class. Class often began with a warm-up to help prepare for the days activities. Activities ranged from well known activities such as football, basketball, volleyball, hockey, running; all the way to the more unique activities such as dancing, and archery.

4. **Mrs. Link** informs her fourth period students on what to do during fitness testing, making them aware of what is required and what was not acceptable. There were many requirements for completing the fitness test. Despite the work, the students enjoyed the physical accomplishments.

# During Fun Fourth 4th Block



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So many opportunities laid in the hands of the Bobcats, so many classes were available for them to take and so many chances for them to be able to prove their abilities. "Ever since I learned how to work a camera I've been taking pictures. When I found out they offered a photography class freshman year, I could not wait to be apart of it" said junior **Stephanie Cercy**. The halls and classrooms contained the evidence of the gifted Photography students. Self portraits, sceneries, and graphic photos were on display.

Another interest that many students shared was Sports Marketing. This course taught students about advertising, statistics and the many requirements of professional sports. Junior **Jake Munies** said "I have always been really into sports, and I want to coach the major leagues. I took sports marketing to help get myself one step ahead, it makes me feel accomplished."

Despite the many courses offered during this lunch block, many studetns said that their favorite time of day was 'lunch'. Students worked all day; sat still during long classes, and worked to the best of their abilities, but by lunch time they were ready for a break. "I'm one of those kids you would see running to lunch because I always have so much to tell my friends in the little amount of time we have," said sophomore **Sierra Cerniglia**. "I was lucky enough to have my best girl friends with me in lunch this year, I just hope next year I am just as lucky," she commented.

Whether taking a favorite elective or sitting through a core class, students always looked forward to having a moment to socialize and catch up with friends during the fourth block lunch class.

~Megan Garrison



# It's 5th Block Lunch Time!

Many students had stories to share about fun, embarrassing, and aggravating events that happened during lunch, which is what made 5th block so eventful. However, 5th block was a very different experience for each and every student.

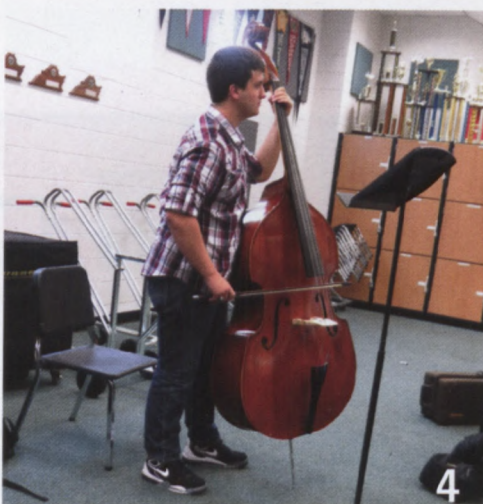
"One day I was walking out of the lunch line with my food, and my friend and I were involved in an important conversation. I wasn't paying attention and ran into a guy coming the other way which spilled my lunch all over my body." says senior **Mickey Novack**. He talked about the mess it created and how he had witnessed several similar situations in the lunch room throughout the year.

Senior **Milan Newson** said, "My class is really long and boring so I enjoy eating in the middle so I can focus later on." Students with C lunch had the benefit of breaking the class in two even parts, which allowed better focus and concentration to do their work.

Battlefield students also have trouble getting their food on time so they end up hungry, and being late to class. For others, this is their favorite block because it is so long and it is their favorite class.

However, there are some that did not enjoy 5th block at all. Junior **Omar Aguirre** honestly stated "I don't enjoy that class."

Whether it was their favorite class or their weakest subject, majority of students agreed that 5th block was always full of stories and funny situations in the lunch room.



Seniors Casey Stein, Emily Harris, and Mikayla Kyle sit at the DECA breast cancer awareness booth at lunch hoping to get people to donate for a worthy cause. This booth gave students an opportunity to purchase items; all their money went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This booth was also set up during the pink out football game to attract even more attention to the cause, DECA eventually raised \$700.





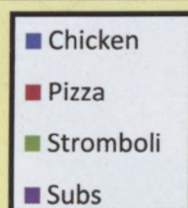
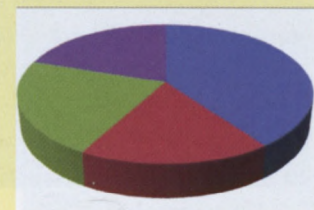


1. Seniors **Michael Sullivan** and **Steven Reece** worship their hot sauce. For most students finding the hot sauce is essential for every lunch. Students were always looking for ways to spice up school lunches.

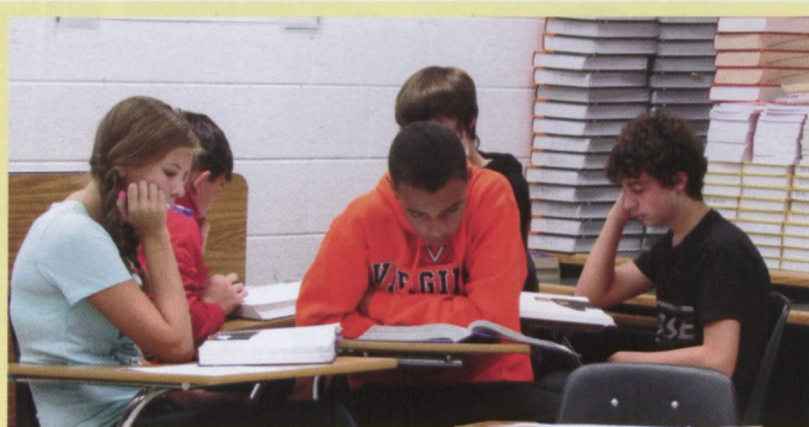
2. In the cafeteria line, students await their lunches. Many students packed lunch just so they did not have to wait in long lines or tried to find ways around them, for instance getting to lunch early. Senior **Terrell Walker** said he had an advantage, "I use my long legs to beat the waiting."

3. Students enjoy their lunch in the enclosed cafeteria. Lunch is often the highlight of student's day. Senior **Will Baker** said, "I don't have a 5th block, but I come to school for lunch because I'm too lazy to make food myself."

4. Senior **Connor Ginger** plays upright bass in Advanced Band class. Advanced Band is the highest band class offered to students. "My favorite part is being able to play music with dedicated people," stated **Katherine Lash**.



A survey of 100 random students was conducted. Students were asked they preferred chicken, pizza, stromboli, or subs. The survey found that, surprisingly, chicken takes the majority at 40% despite the claim that students "hate" eating chicken every day.



Above: Sophomores **Corinne Green**, **Alex Missar**, **Jaycen Beisheim**, **Matthew Shellbery** and **Keenan Sheesley** working in Mrs. Johnson's English; thinking primarily about hanging out with their friends at lunch. Students are tired and anxious during this time of day. On the topic of lunch, senior **Megan Villavicencio** stated happily, "My mood gets better because I get to see my friends at lunch."

Left: Along with other students in their class, seniors **Alexandra Hickey** and **Jonathan Esteban** work hard on their AP Statistics classwork, despite having a substitute teacher. AP Statistics was a challenging class where students worked collaboratively, and required focus and hard work. "I liked this class because [the work] is more on your own and independent," said Esteban.

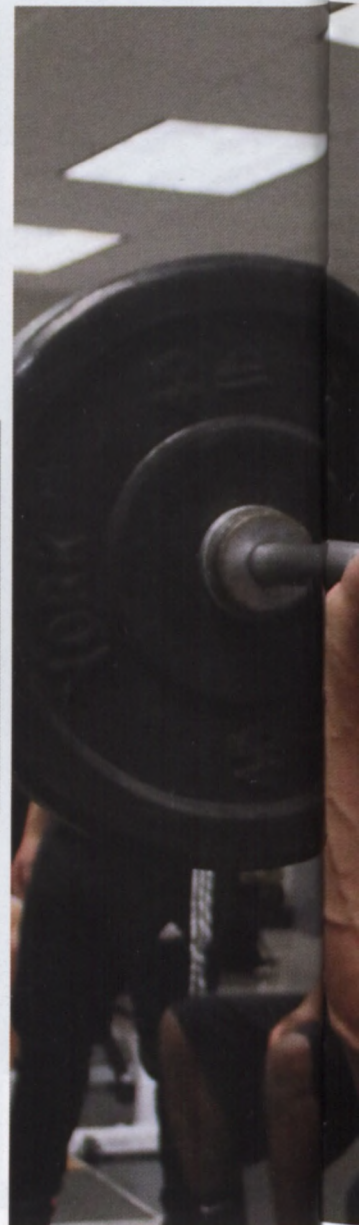


# The Day is Almost Over

## 6th Block

Sixth period is the last class of purple days. Students wrapped up their days differently than others, with different classes. Junior **Shane McSally** had chemistry for his sixth period. "I like the idea of chemistry, not the work. It's a good way to end the day," **McSally** exclaimed. While some students experimented with their work, other students calculated statistics using data from experiments. Senior **Gene Lee** took AP Statistics as her last period on even days. "AP Statistics is a college course and it's a good way to end the day because you are relaxed and it's not much work," **Lee** said. Some students used their brains in the last class of their day, while others used their muscles. Junior **Deion Merritt** said, "It's easy, you don't have to worry about stinking all day." Having a fitness class for sixth block benefited students by allowing them to work off their stress. While the majority of the students were working in class, some upper class-men ended their day earlier. They opted out of sixth block for early release and headed back to their homes or work places. Other people chose to be a student aid or teacher's assistant. There were many different options to spend sixth period but overall these students each had a great way to end the day.

~Laura Torrico and Gene Lee

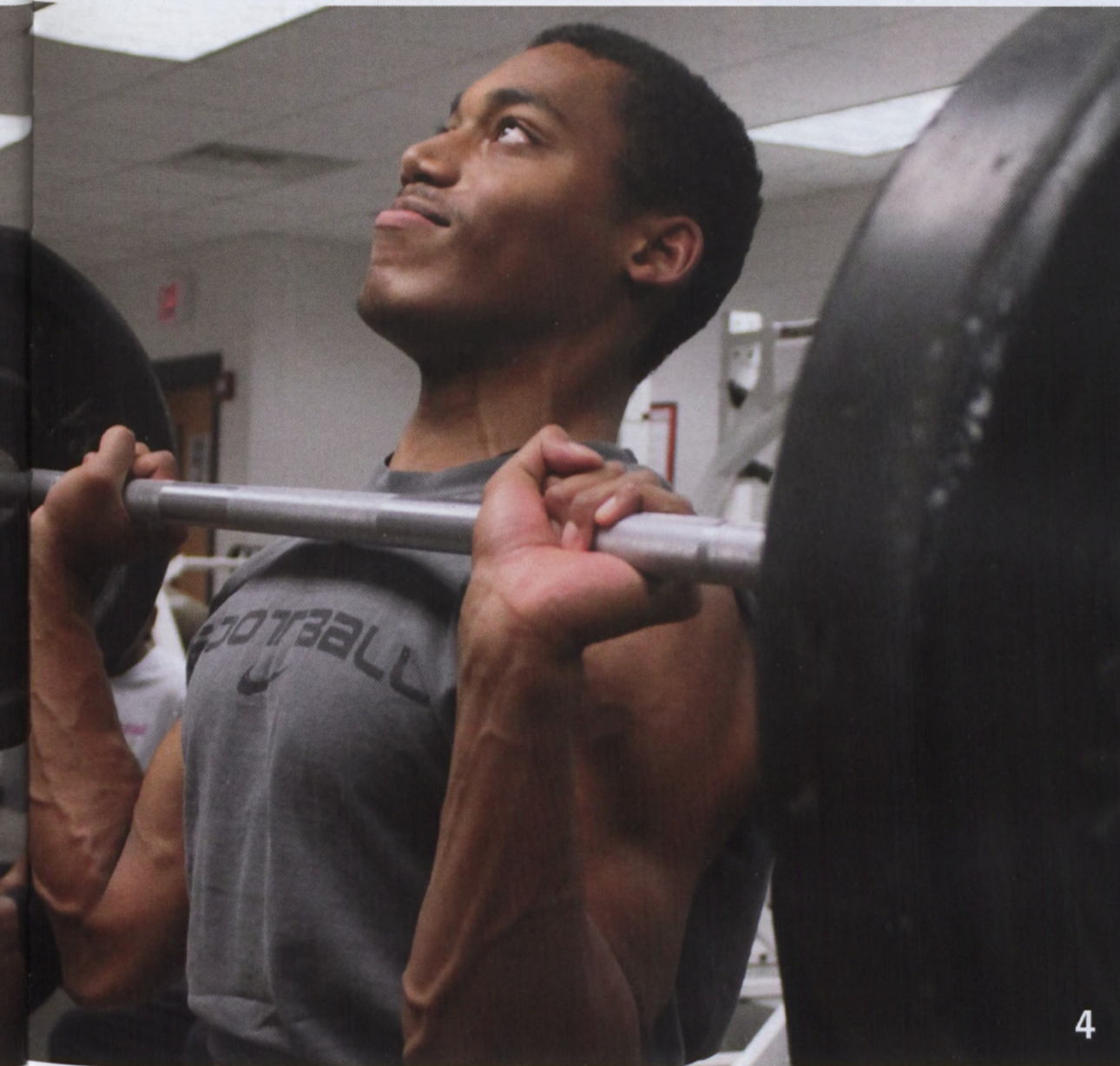


Chemistry class is one of the core classes students take during sixth block. Students like sophomore **Juan Segura**, and juniors **Shane McSally**, and **Jaclyn Hamric** were working on hydration labs. In chemistry class, they utilized their math skills which is the reason many students had to wait to take chemistry. Students learned about chemical reactions, stoichiometry, moles, atomic theory, and more in the course. Students willing to challenge themselves took the Pre-AP and AP Chemistry courses. **Ms. Utter** taught this class how to be safe while working on labs. Students were required to wear safety goggles, have their hair tied up, and to make sure sleeves were not hanging or in the way.



AP Studio Art is one of the electives that students could have decided to take during sixth block. **Jacqueline Javier** was working on one of her twelve concentration projects. Her concentration series was about dreams. When asked what it was like to take AP Studio Art, **Javier** said, "It's nice to have a fun class at the end of the day." Having a fine arts class at the end of the day "Takes away the frustrations of the day," according to **Javier**. Art classes allowed students to be creative. Students may have been too tired to take notes or write papers, but art classes really relieved their stress.



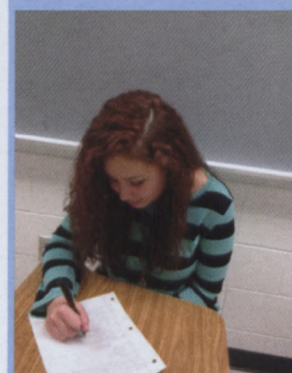


1. Senior **Gene Lee** is working on her AP Statistics classwork. Students learn to analyze data in this class. Lee said, "AP Statistics is an interesting class that I don't regret taking".

2. Junior **Alec Shrauder** works his muscles. Students were able to have work outs in school, aside from taking gym class or after school sports. Some students decided to take weightlifting in order to help them with after school sports.

3. Junior **Marquis Meadows** uses his knowledge to conduct his chemistry hydration lab. The lab was one of many that students had conducted this year. Chemistry was a popular course among students.

4. Lifting heavy weights, junior **Deion Merritt** trains his muscles. Students took the Weight Lifting class to get in shape and stay fit. The class saved students time by not having to work out at home.



Junior **Laura Torrico** takes notes for her US VA history class. While some students were doing more active activities, other students listened to lectures. Torrico said, "History is an interesting class, and can be a relaxing way to end my day."



Seniors **Veronica Demarest, Zack Dane, Jennifer Breedlove, Nicole Cercy, Christie Kim, and Hyejin Han** (left to right) work on a project for their Spanish class. Students who took foreign language for sixth period engaged in many fun group activities. These sorts of projects helped the students comprehend the language better. Spanish was the most popular foreign language course that students decided to take. Students that were more serious put extra work towards their studies and some students were able to take the more challenging Pre-AP or AP Spanish classes. These classes were weighted, which means they were graded on a five point scale rather than a four point scale. Students had the opportunity to learn about other cultures and even sample the music, history, art, and food.



Working on his project, senior **Brian Potts** puts together the materials for his assignment. Some students take IT programing as their sixth block. Potts confessed, "I decided to take this class because I had class with professor Drake since sophomore year."

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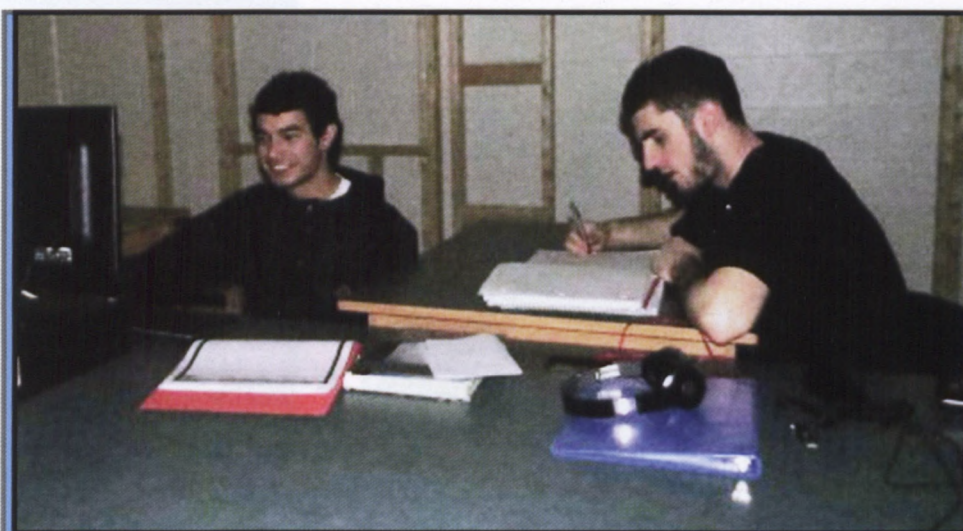
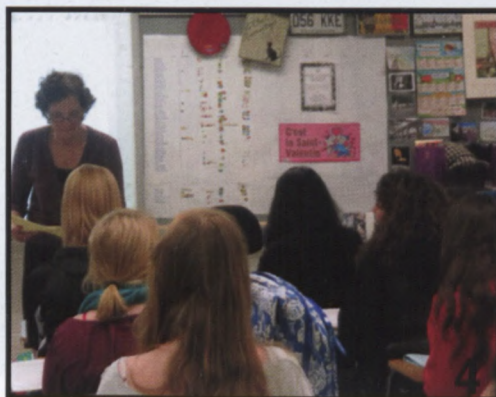
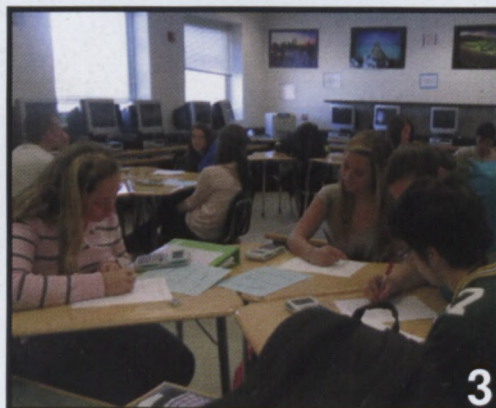
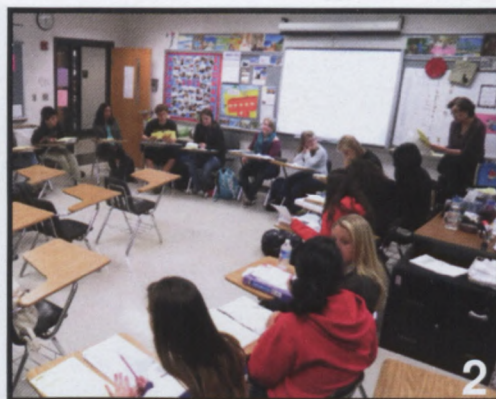


# Almost There

## 7th Block

Battlefield had a wide variety of classes to choose from. When students picked their schedules some of the classes that students could take during 7th block were AP Psych, AP French 5, Geometry, and Tech Drawing. In AP Psych they focused heavily on unique projects. Junior **Dominique Daly** stated, "We created surveys and also did at home experiments with our friends and family." This class was very detailed and explored people's thoughts and actions. Junior **Connor O'Brien** stated, "I took this class to learn more about how the brain works." AP French 5 was a strenuous language class. Senior **Megan Villavicencio** stated, "The hardest part of AP French 5 is writing the essays that consist of 250 words." Despite the difficulty students took this class for their love of French. Senior **Ana Tobar** stated, "I've been taking French since 8th grade since I am already fluent in Spanish, so I decided to learn something else." Everyone had different opinions on which level of math they liked most. Many people argued that Algebra was harder than Geometry, but that was not always the case. Sophomore **Anya Idrizi** stated, "Geometry has been harder for me. I liked Algebra better." Regardless of the class, all students had homework, classwork, projects and tests. Freshmen **Sabrina Drescher** stated, "Homework is the hardest part of Geometry. We get a lot of it and you have to keep track of what is due." Lastly, one of the classes unique to Battlefield was the Tech Drawing class. The students learned many techniques throughout the year. Freshmen **Paris Casey** stated, "We learn the mechanics of AutoCAD and created drawings both by hand and computer." Senior **Ben Burr** stated, "My favorite part of Tech Drawing is getting to use AutoCAD and finding all the shortcuts." The variety of 7th period classes made for a fun way to end the school day.

~Lindsay Manning



Senior **Paul Marinero** and junior **Richie Siegmund** using AutoCAD to create simple drawings. Technical Drawing was a career driven class. Students who took it have a future mapped out for them along the technical path.



**Mr. Rohrbach** explains the next big project that the students in his AP Psych class project entailed a survey of students' friends and family. The purpose of the project was to understand the human brain. The survey was based on Psychological Stages of Development from childhood, parenting, teen social issues, adulthood, etc., looking for patterns.



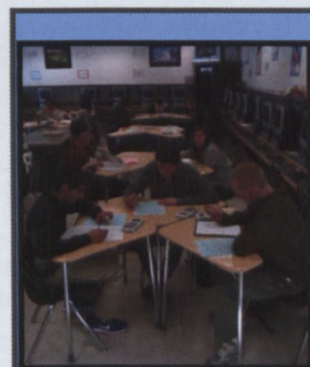


1. Mr. Rohrbach explains the assignment for the day. The students took notes to make sure they got all the information. Some students just listened to hear every detail of the directions, instead of writing things down.

2. The AP French 5 class gather in a circle to discuss the grammar packet that they have received. Mrs. Clemence reviewed the packet with the students, in order to prepare them for the upcoming exam. Students felt that they were well prepared after they went over all the answers.

3. These Geometry students receive help from their teacher to make sure all their answers are accurate for studying purposes. They diligently worked on the practice problems that had been given to them. Once they had completed the problems, they would use them for review.

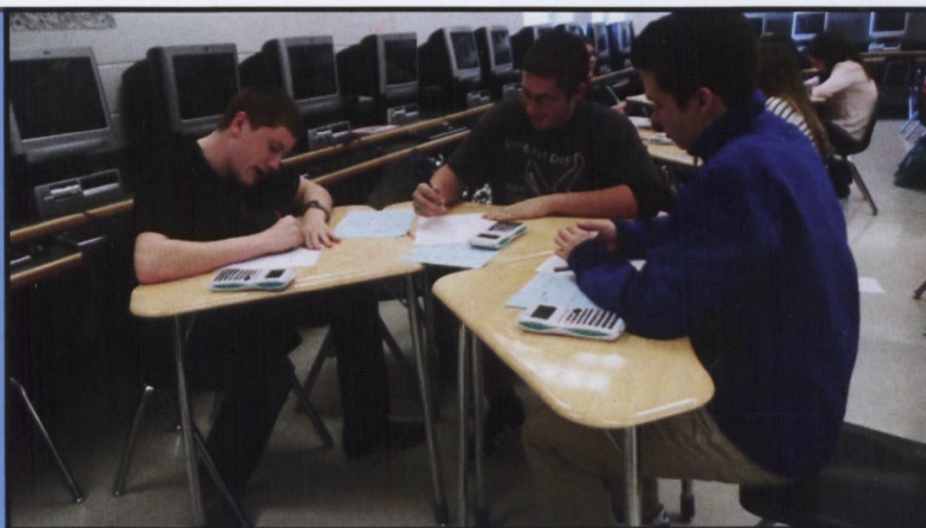
4. Mrs. Clemence going over the last test that the students took. She went over the test to ensure the students know the correct answers, and understand why they got some wrong. This was an effective method for them to study later on.



Freshmen Liam McLaurin, sophomore Anmol Singh, and junior Logan Lindsey using their calculators to accurately solve the math problems. The boys did their warm-up as practice for the upcoming lesson. With the information they were given, they had the necessities to get through the Geometry class period.



Psychology class will have to complete. The subject was to learn more about the topic. Students surveyed students on topics or questions.



Junior Mike Jones, sophomore Kyle Perry, and freshmen Adam Hargitai practicing their math skills to review for the exam in Ms. Macaleer's class. These Geometry students worked hard to complete their work in a timely manner. In this assignment, students had to learn how to find the area and perimeter of triangles, squares, and many other shapes. After completing Geometry, students moved onto Algebra II.



Junior Emma Thornberg intently listens to the directions to the assignment being discussed in AP Psych. Thornberg paid close attention to ensure she got all the information. She took detailed notes on all the information being said.



# After the Bell

## After school life

In the last 10 minutes of class many students eagerly stared up at the clock waiting for the sounds of the dismissal bell. Once it rang, students either rushed to their cars in hope to “beat the buses,” socialized in The Commons area, walked to the buses, or stayed after school. After school junior **Mercedes Zuniga** said, “I usually find my friends and talk to them in The Commons. Then, after school I go running and then I go to dance.”

After school students had ten minutes to socialize with friends. When those ten minutes were over, students had to be with a coach, sponsor, or teacher, or they had to leave school grounds. Senior **Emily Burtch** said, “I have to work right after school at the Piedmont gym. They have really flexible hours so I am able to hang out with friends and do homework before it's too late.”

Many students had practice after school for the sports they participated in. Freshman **Jack Daunt** said “[I play] soccer after school for my club team and I'm preparing to try out for the school's team this year. I'm really excited.”

Many students chose to get something to eat after school. Senior **Ricardo Aguilar** said, “After school I go to Chick-Fil-A or Taco Bell. If I go to Taco Bell I always get a Baja Blast, they are delicious.”

No matter what their plans or obligations were, students always looked forward to the end of the school day.

~ Emma Wedemeyer



Sophomore **John Ainslie** loved going to Deja Brew after school; here he is relaxing on a sofa and sipping a well-deserved drink. He said, “I like coming to Deja Brew after school because it is a quiet place to go to after school and they have really good food and drinks.” Deja Brew offered many different drinks and snacks for their customers. Their staff was very friendly which made for an inviting atmosphere.



As the dismissal bell rings, upperclassmen exit the school out the side door. Students who were in a rush walked directly to their cars in the hopes of getting to the bus stop faster. Usually waited for the buses to leave, passing the time by socializing with friends. During the warmer months of the school year more students socialized outside rather than inside the school.





1. Students walk to the buses after a long day of school. These students do not have a lot of time to socialize after the bell because they were busy trying to find their bus. As a warning, a whistle is blown to let the students know that the buses were leaving.

2. Senior Jaehoon Lee analyzes a character from the book *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*. Many students chose to stay after school with their teachers to ask for extra help or to make up an assignment. The teachers were generous to stay after school to help the students, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

3. Sophomore Madeline Laycock begs for a ride home from junior Jadyn Hamric. After school Laycock said that, "I just stand around trying to find a ride home, I usually end up going out to eat with who drives me." The upperclassmen were usually very generous about giving rides to those who needed them.

4. Freshmen Darius Chernitsky, Peter Baker, Phillip Phillips Jr., and Dominic Carlino walk to the Dominion Valley Market Square after school. Many students chose to get fresh air after a long day of school by walking to their favorite hangout spot. The popular haunts to visit were Giant, Tony's, Kule-os, and Subway.



Freshmen Liam Dryden, Erin Foulke, Aimee Trettel, and Emma Dryden wait for their food and talk at the popular restaurant Tony's. Tony's was a well known restaurant in the community and was known for their delicious pizza. Many students went to Tony's after school to socialize as well as to eat high quality food.



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Sophomores Aiden Thompson, Alexandra Dacey, and Taylor Savage socialize and have a snack as they catch up on their school day. After school many students decided to either walk or drive to Giant Grocery Store to enjoy an afternoon snack or to socialize with friends. Inside Giant, a Starbucks was conveniently placed for students to grab something to drink before or after school. Students also came to giant to be tutored in areas they need help it.



Freshman Jillian Page works on her homework and listens to music at Deja Brew. Page said, "I love coming into Deja Brew because it is a relaxing place to get your homework done." For busy students such as Page Deja Brew was a great option to go to after school.



# Couldn't Wait For College

## Governor's School

Being a part of The Governor's School program at Innovation Park was a great opportunity for advanced students to get ahead and start on material not offered as normal high school classes. The two year program has STEM based classes; meaning they offered science, technology, engineering, and math to students. Senior **George Andrews** was working in the robotics strand whose goal was to create a singing robot. "Essentially I'm trying to make it so that this micro controller is able to read text files and be able to play music based off of beeps," explained **Andrews**. The atmosphere of all the classrooms was very different from regular classes that took place during school. "Everyone is interested in learning, so during class you don't have distractions and it moves at a faster pace," said senior **Jason Keller**. Being interested in what they were learning allowed the students to be able to grasp concepts quickly and with more help from their friends. "We like the community. It really brings us together as a scientific and a mathematics group who share similar interests," said senior **Jessie Drews**. The Governor's School helped the students bond through similar interests and gave them tools to implement the years to come.

~ Alexis Hawthorne

1. Students at The Governor's School at Innovation Park play with a robot they built and programmed. Robotics was part of the STEM program for Governor's School. Creating something that is so sophisticated gave the students the experience to pursue a robotics or technology in college.

2. Students working on projects during class at Innovation Park. They created high quality work not only to achieve good grades but also better their work. Students were able to take college level classes in the math and sciences that were not offered to regularly enrolled students.

3. Senior **Jason Keller** works on his computer while at Governor's School. Students who were interested in taking classes at a higher level than high school students were able to do so here. Governor's School gave students a chance to expand their academic knowledge and get a head start on college courses.







The Governor's School for the Arts is located in Norfolk Virginia and offers summer courses. These classes focus on developing skills in the arts, including theater, music fine art and writing. Theater and chorus are examples of classes one can take to further themselves in the arts and techniques involved. Senior **Carlos Cruz** attended the summer Governor's School where he learned skills and methods that made him a better and more rounded actor. His favorite thing about The Governor's School was the people. "They were just the most amazing bunch of individuals I have ever seen that were talented in their own ways," explained Cruz.

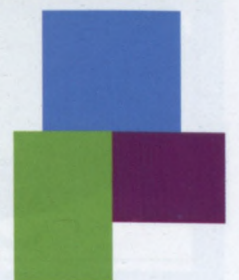


1. Junior **Coen Tibbs** uses a miter saw to cut pieces of wood. Sawing wood requires a steady hand and concentration. Knowing how to use a saw would be important for construction jobs, a future career Tibbs was interested in pursuing.
2. Tibbs takes directions from his instructor. Paying attention to details was imperative to their success in the class. Knowing what to use and how to use equipment created a safe environment for the students and their peers.
3. Tibbs building a house like frame. Being able to build requires not only skill and knowledge of tools, but also following blue prints and building plans. Learning these skills helped prepare students for careers in building and construction.
4. Tibbs talks to his classmates while taking a break during class. Communication was important to the successful building of a structure. Students from all over the county shared the experience of learning construction and were able to learn from one another.



Although not every elective was offered at Battlefield, students who were passionate about building were welcomed into the two-period Building Trades program at sister school, Patriot High School. As students built new projects, they gained hands-on experience, working with large tools and learning to create projects out of raw materials. Junior **Coen Tibbs** "thought [being in Building Trades] would be good for the future when I get a job," and enjoyed learning basic building skills by building boxes. ~Alexis Hawthorne

# Building Trades A Better Building For Future





# Love Your Looks

## Cosmetology Program

Although looks and style may not have been the most crucial elements of a typical student's high school education, they were extremely important to the students enrolled in the Cosmetology Program offered through Stonewall Jackson High School. These students began their day at Battlefield, and then traveled by bus to Stonewall to attend classes in cosmetology.

There were many reasons that students chose this program over the traditional program, "I like doing hair and boosting people's confidence," said senior **Briona Thomas**.

Many enrolled in the class to expand their knowledge of hair, makeup, and nails. Although some joined just for the fun, others had more serious reasons to take the course. "The first day of class I knew it would be something I want to pursue when I got older," said junior **Mi Quasha Wilkerson**.

"It's a fun class; everybody gets along and does their work," said junior **Mi Quasha Wilkerson**. Cosmetology not only boosted the students' self esteem but gave them valuable experience with working on other people.

~ Courtney Key



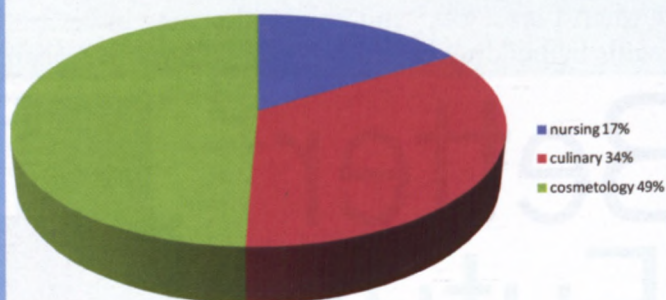
1. Junior **Kenya Miller** preps her clients hair before she begins. She was very determined when it came to performing a task. **Miller's** finished products were always of high quality.

2. Junior **Mi Quasha Wilkerson** cuts her client's hair. Her technique and clean cuts were important skills that helped her earn a good grade in the class. "It's a fun class and I really enjoy doing makeup," said **Wilkerson**.

3. A junior from Stonewall practices curling on one of the mannequins. The course involved teaching different ways and styles a person could do to curl hair. The junior showed her mastery when asked to curl a clients hair.



Most Preferred Course





# It's All About The Body

## Nursing Program



"Learning about the body and how things work versus all the nursing stuff is very self explanatory," said senior **Allyson Keeney**. She was the only student in the school that had enrolled in the course. While many students applied to this challenging program, most were not accepted. However some still saw nursing as a future profession. "I've known many students who were interested in nursing, and two previous students who went on to practice and major in nursing in college," said teacher **Brian King**. Learning how to deal with patients and what to do in emergencies was an important part of the learning process. Even though the commute from Osbourn Park High School was a pain, it was all worth it to **Keeney**. She said, "What interested me in joining the program was the fact that I am able to help people. That's all I want to do."

~ Courtney Key



1. Senior **Allyson Keeney** checks her patients' heart beat. **Keeney** was a very attentive student when it came to learning how to work on patients. "I really enjoy practicing on the mannequins," said the senior.  
2. Senior's **Gabriella Roberts** from Hylton and **Sarah Campos** from Garfield get their equipment in order before their assignment. The ladies enjoyed activities where they could interact with the other students. They were always diligent and cautious while working, developing a strong work ethic.



1. Junior **Ana Arthur** kneads the dough on her work table. Part of the job of being a chef was to know proper ways and techniques for cooking and baking. **Arthur's** performance level was always exceptional when it came to baking.  
2. Senior **June Mumo** mixes the ingredients to her recipe. By taking the class **Mumo** knew how much work was expected to go into a well prepared meal. It was important for all the student chefs to remember the basics of cooking while at the same time making a meal unique.

"Food is something that everyone can enjoy, and it is something that can speak for itself," said junior **Erica Goon**. Whether someone admits it or not, food is something everybody understands. The variety it can come in and its' different flavors can bring out different feelings in people. "Culinary is just like an art class, but more specialized," said **Goon**. The diversity of seasonings, flavors, and taste gave the students a way to express themselves. Experimenting with different ingredients and tools helped them to figure out what worked well together and what didn't. The students who enrolled in the class found different ways to express their taste in food. Culinary was not considered just a class to these students, but an art form.

~ Courtney Key

# It's Gettin' Hot In Here

## Culinary Program







# Athletics

Seniors Ryan Swindle, Trent Saflin, Nick Newman, and Brandon Dukeman take the field for the coin toss. The boys walked in unity to represent the team. They left all their blood, sweat, and tears on the field.

**"Pain is only temporary, but victory is forever."**  
~Jeremy H.

Bobcat athletes strove to created new teams, trends, and legacies were born. The continued desire to improve and excel is what motivates our athletes.

From summer camps to after school practices, and even weekend competitions, the time and dedication put forth by our athletes reflects our will to win.

Not only does the success of our sports teams come from the athletes themselves, but also from families, friends, and fans. A solid support system proves to be an effective aspect of every single sporting event.

From Saturdays in the stadium to Fridays on the field and everything in between: the teamwork, ambition, and determination of our student athletes builds the foundation of the Battlefield Athletic Program. The 2012-2013 Bobcats continue to meet the high standard that were once set many years ago.

~Rachel Kerxton

Photo by Jorge Jaitib





# Reaching for the Dream

## Varsity Cheer

Cheerleading was a two season sport for these girls and it gave them a chance to get to know one another. Junior **Sam Brosnahan** said, "Cheerleading brings you a lot of friendships and relationships that are irreplaceable that will continue for a lifetime."

The cheer team consisted of all grade levels, which they pride themselves in. Even though each girl had their own dreams, they all shared the same goal, and that was being the best that they could be and stay on top. Most of these girls had been cheering since they were little, and carried this dream with them ever since. Junior **Shelby Frasard** said, "I started cheering when I was eight years old when I lived in Hawaii on a competitive team. I did not want to cheer on a school team until I came to Battlefield. My freshman year was my first year on a school team and I loved it!"

All the girls agreed that being a part of this team was like being a part of a huge family. Junior **Caroline Livingston** said, "My favorite thing about being a part of the team is that is so family-like and that you have friends for the rest of your life." After all the work and dedication the team finished the season strong and made it all the way to Regionals. Cheerleading was not only a sport to these girls, it was a lifestyle.

Junior **Leigh Hall** said, "Cheerleading helps you in life by teaching you how to work with others, to face your fears and overcome them, and to be the best that you can be." Throughout the year the team pumped up the crowds and cheered on the football and basketball teams. They were always a crowd pleaser and showed off their tricks. The team this year was an unforgettable one and the teammates will forever be irreplaceable.

~Caitlin McDermott

1. The Varsity Cheer team shows off their pyramid that the team came up with. They practiced perfecting it for every game. It took the entire team to make the pyramid work.
2. Sophomore **Morgan Williams** shows off her flying skills doing a lib. The cheerleaders practiced different stunts at the football games to get ready for their competition. They always kept the Bobcat fans in the game and the players pumped up to win.
3. Freshman **Alexis Sambuco** and sophomore **Karleen Daly** cheer on the Boys Varsity Basketball team. The two girls both cheered on school and competitive teams. Together they got the boys pumped up for a great win.
4. Sophomore **Hailey Artz** is filled with energy during cheer. **Artz** and the team pumped up their energy and spirit for one of their last games of the season. They motivated the Bobcat athletes to keep fighting until the final seconds.
5. **Coach Branch** enjoys spending time with her athletes. **Branch** was a coach who always encouraged the girls to be the best that they could be and to work as a team. She was a true inspiration to them.
6. Junior **Julia Hinton** amazes the crowd with her flexibility! She was lifted into the air by senior **Mikayla Kyle**, junior **Caroline Livingston**, and freshman **Claudia Almeda**. They worked together all season to perfect difficult tricks.
7. Junior **Leigh Hall** keeps a smile on every game. **Hall** was one of the most spirited girls on the team. **Hall** and the cheerleaders represented the school with amazing school spirit and pride.

### Forever Friends



Senior Captains, **Elena Patchan** and **Mikayla Kyle**, have been best friends since they met each other. They found out that they had a common interest in cheering and cheered together ever since. They both cheered on competitive cheer teams as well as school teams, both middle school and high school. Their freshman year they both tried out for Battlefield's Cheer team and made varsity, which is not an easy task. Since then, they have been on the same team all four years and have competed with each other. The girls said that, "Cheerleading really helped us bond over the years and let us get closer. We became each-other's family." They both finished their senior year strong and still planned to continue cheering after graduation.

~Caitlin McDermott







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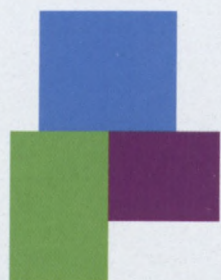


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# Are You Fired Up?

## Junior Varsity Cheerleading

The Junior varsity cheerleading team had a great 2012 fall season, coming in fourth place in their big competition. As the main supporters of the junior varsity football team, the cheerleaders felt it was their duty to be very spirited and cheerful. Sophomore **Erin White** said, "I believe that having a positive attitude can encourage the team to keep trying, even if they found a rough spot in the game."

Win or lose, these girls always brought a smile and cheerful attitude to the games. "We always congratulate our players even if they don't win," said sophomore **Eleanor Persekian**.

The squad was constantly hyped up and ready to put on an astonishing show for the dedicated football and basketball fans, even if that meant cheering in below 30 degree weather during the last few football games.

Nothing could hold these girls back from doing what they loved most. Even from young ages, some of these girls knew exactly who and what they wanted to be in high school. Sophomore **Danielle Boufford** said, "my mom put me in cheer when I was little, and I started up again for high school."

While some girls had their parents to help guide them into sports, sophomore **Zoe Drew** was constantly filled with buckets full of energy and she soon realized that cheer leading was the sport for her.

These team of girls grew close and thought of each other as family, and like every family they had the 'funny mom' or in this case coach. Coach Kershner could not get enough of seeing the beautiful smiles on her girl's faces, "we do it for the ratchets!" before a game to keep the nerves calm. They may not always get along, but they are a family and always work through their problems, which eventually brought them closer together.

~Imani Key



1. Sophomores **Samantha Woodside** and **Alexis Barberoglou** become bases for fellow sophomore **Ciara Russell** as she goes into position for a 'toe-touch basket toss.' The girls had been looking forward to the Patriot vs. Battlefield school rivalry game for the entire season. **Woodside**, **Barberoglou**, and **Russell** got the chance to show off their stunting that they have been working on days prior.

2. Sophomores **Eleanor Persekian** and **Quera Smith** get ready to bring some life to the JV basketball game. The girls cheered loudly in order to pump up the crowd and encouraged the Bobcats to fight until the end of the game. **Smith** said, "It is our job to pump up the players and make sure they are excited for the game."

3. Sophomore **Meghan McDermott** preps for an awesome toe touch. **McDermott** practiced and stretched for a week before the actual game. She was overwhelmed with joy to see the JV football team beating their rival school Patriot.

4. Freshman **Alexis Schroeder** and Sophomore **Samantha Woodside** cheer on the basketball players during a game against Stonewall. **Schroeder** was ecstatic to be on the Junior Varsity Cheer Team her freshman year. She felt the need to prove that she deserved her spot on the team, so she went out and put everything she had in her cheers.







Cheerleading is a sport that requires cheerleaders to hurl their bodies into the air performing various stunts and tricks. For that to be possible they need shoes which are lite in weight and flexible. Cheer shoes are designed to be comfortable, flexible, lite in weight, and airy. The majority of cheer teams get their shoes made by specific brands like Nfinity and Varsity who are known for making shoes based on the comments and critics from the teams they sell to. Both brands have a good reputation in the cheer world for providing the best shoes for performing.

1. Freshmen Hayley Gibson, Alexandra Redding, and Mackenzie Hollingsworth cheer on the bobcats during a game against the Osbourn Eagles. The positive energy given off by the girls and the crowd helped the boy's basketball team beat the eagles. Gibson, Redding, and Hollingsworth agreed that they loved to cheer because of the effect that it has on the crowd.

2. Freshmen Anna Hargitai preparing for a front 'herkie.' Hargitai says that tumbling excites the crowd and drives the players into a winning attitude. When the team is not performing they focus on watching the game.

3. Freshmen Payton Freeze and Anna Hargitai cheer on their team by doing a bobcats cheer routine. The team works together all week to form these routines, all the girls work together to create crowd pleasing performances. They use combinations of dance, cheer, and tumbling to liven up the routines.

4. Freshmen Payton Freeze cheers on the side lines of a basketball game against Osbourn. This is her first year doing cheerleading. Freeze believes that cheering is her calling and hope to continue it throughout her high school career.

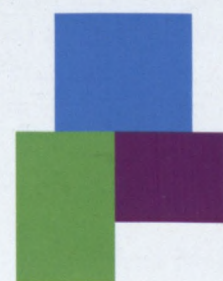


Freshmen year is the hardest year because students go from being the big fish in a little pond to the little fish in a big pond in a few short months. With the seniors constantly reminding them for 284 days they are at the bottom of the food chain. These girls, however, are not letting their light go dim, they are joined together shining brighter than ever. The freshmen cheerleaders were united together to put 110 percent of their energy into bringing life to the crowds at the freshmen sporting events. Because freshmen teams were usually for learning techniques, the cheer team felt as though it was their job to support the boys, win or lose. Freshmen Sydney Williams said "If they do something wrong, the cheerleaders attitudes encourage them to keep fighting and playing well." Sydney moved up to Varsity Cheer after one of their team members was injured. Many of the girls believed that the best way to keep the player's heads up is by getting the crowd pumped, which also inspires new cheers. Freshmen Anna Hargitai felt that by the cheerleaders being loud, it hyped up the players and got them into positive game winning attitudes, which had an overall impact on their game winning drive. But before all the cheering, screaming, and tumbling, all the girls got ready for the game. Perfecting their cheer ponytails and giant bows took more than a team, it took a family. Hargitai also said, "we all do our hair and make up together to make sure everyone looks and feels their very best." Although they are at the bottom of the totem pole, they were together and planned to keep it that way all the way through senior year.

~Imani Key

# It's a Cheer thing!

## Freshman Cheering Team







Cross Country senior Sarai Arbus has been with the team for three years. Over the years, she developed relationships with both the coaches and her teammates. "The best thing about our team was how it felt like family. Everyone was so accepting and supportive. I couldn't ask for a better group of people to spend time with," she stated.

Throughout Arbus' running journey, she not only ran, but went on team trips and participated in pasta parties. She attributed her success throughout the years to her hardwork each day during practice. "Our coaches would find the steepest hill and make us run up it multiple times in hopes of making us faster. But in doing that it made us all stronger mentally as well," she commented.

During the season, her hard work led to success at their meets. "My greatest accomplishments included being able to contribute to the team's post season success; as well as finishing that one workout at Oatlands on a foreboding hill named Jesus Hill."

"I think what I took away from cross country is a true understanding of determination and what it means to not give up. Looking back, I consider myself so lucky to be part of the team. This group of people has given me more than I could ever return," reflected Arbus, on the impact of running with the team.

~Yelena Medovar





1. Junior **Aaron Hill** starts his race off on a good foot. Before the race began, anticipation of the run flowed through the team members. The beginning of a race was always the most exciting and nerve wracking for runners. (Photo from Victor O'Neill)

2. Juniors **Justin Wilkens** and **Ryan Miller**, senior **Luke Mazzu**, and sophomore **Michael Villagomez** goof off during practice, making the Y-M-C-A sign. The team's antics made even the hardest practices fun and the team as a whole became stronger. The humorous atmosphere kept the moral upbeat and positive.

3. Sophomore **Robert Drummond** is running his fastest, with members from the other team following on his heels. The meet at Oatlands was tough and the runners worked hard to stay ahead. The team was successful in their regular season meets, making it all the way to districts, regionals, and states. (Photo from Victor O'Neill)

4. Sophomore **Matt Asper** runs with determination and perseverance as he aims to finish his race. The amount of hard work put into training for meets was tremendous. The team began practices in August, with trail runs at Bull Run Reginal Park, and continued into November with the State Championship. (Photo from Victor O'Neill)

5. Senior **Luke Mazzu** uses all of his effort to finish his run. Audiences gathered to watch and cheer the runners as they competed. The Cross Country team experienced great support from family and friends, who came out in droves to each meet, creating an atmosphere of success. (Photo from Victor O'Neill)

6. Junior **Nicole Huebner** pushes herself into high gear for a strong and fast finish. Although practices were difficult, they paid off in the end. The Cross Country girls worked their butts off, making it to states to represent their high school. (Photo from Victor O'Neill)

7. The team sits down to stretch after their warm-up run on the track. Stretching was important to prevent injuries. By preventing injuries, the team was able to send its best runners to each meet, scoring as many points as possible.

8. The boys state team poses at the state meet. Making it to states was one of their greatest accomplishments during their season. The boys went on to place 3rd in the state, the first time for the school.



# One Hill of a Sport

## Cross Country



This year's cross country program built champions. The teams worked hard to produce extraordinary results. Both the boys and girls teams made the State Championship, which was a result of early training and tough practices. "It's a difficult sport and a challenge. Every time you run a race, you're trying to get your time down. Everybody pushes each other on the team," commented junior **Justin Wilkins**. Despite their hard work, the team also enjoyed the experience. "The most memorable part of cross country was probably the bus rides," commented sophomore **Matt Asper**. Students often chatted, listen to their ipods and relived their recently run events. In order to build a strong team, coaches organized events that would foster team bonding; such as their fall trip to Kings Dominion and pasta parties hosted at the teammates' houses.

Having a successful season was the result of grueling practices, "We ran six miles every day and on Mondays we ran hills," commented sophomore **Alexander Dean**. But of course, how is it possible to produce a state team without the support of their three coaches? Coach Michaelis, Coach Trowbridge, and Coach Shutt coached the bobcats to victory, through structured practices, smart strategies and lots of moral support.

~Yelena Medovar



1. The girls rehearse for the homecoming pep rally. Most of the dancers dance on teams outside of school so, when they arrived at practice, they got right down to business. They focused on repetition until they hit the routine perfectly.

2. Seniors Olivia Chan, Casey Stein, Ashley (Holthus) Johnson, and Briana Idrizi perform at the pep rally. The crowd cheered the dancers on as they pumped up all the classes. The dancers set the tone for the rest of the pep rally by getting the crowd excited.

3. Junior Sade Jones pumps up the crowd. While performing, it was always important for dancers to keep a smile on their faces. When the crowd could see that the dancers were having fun, it made the performance even more enjoyable to watch.

4. At the homecoming pep rally the dance team presents the links. The links were representative of how much money each class raised. The dancers presented the final numbers at the end of the pep rally and revealed which class won.







5. Senior Captain **Margaret Bean** leads her team in the dance. This was their second dance they performed at the winter pep rally. The dance ended by showing the red "Patriot" members on the floor, while the purple Bobcats remained standing, declared the winners in the upcoming games.

6. During practice the dancers work on their routine for their upcoming competition. The girls had fun prepping for their competition. Although it was fun, it was a relief to finally perform it at their competition after all the dedicated hours they spent practicing.

7. The girls strike their final pose to end their performance at the winter pep rally. The winter pep rally presented all the winter sport teams. Their exciting dance featured pom-poms and a musical mix that had everyone dancing along.



# Shake It Out

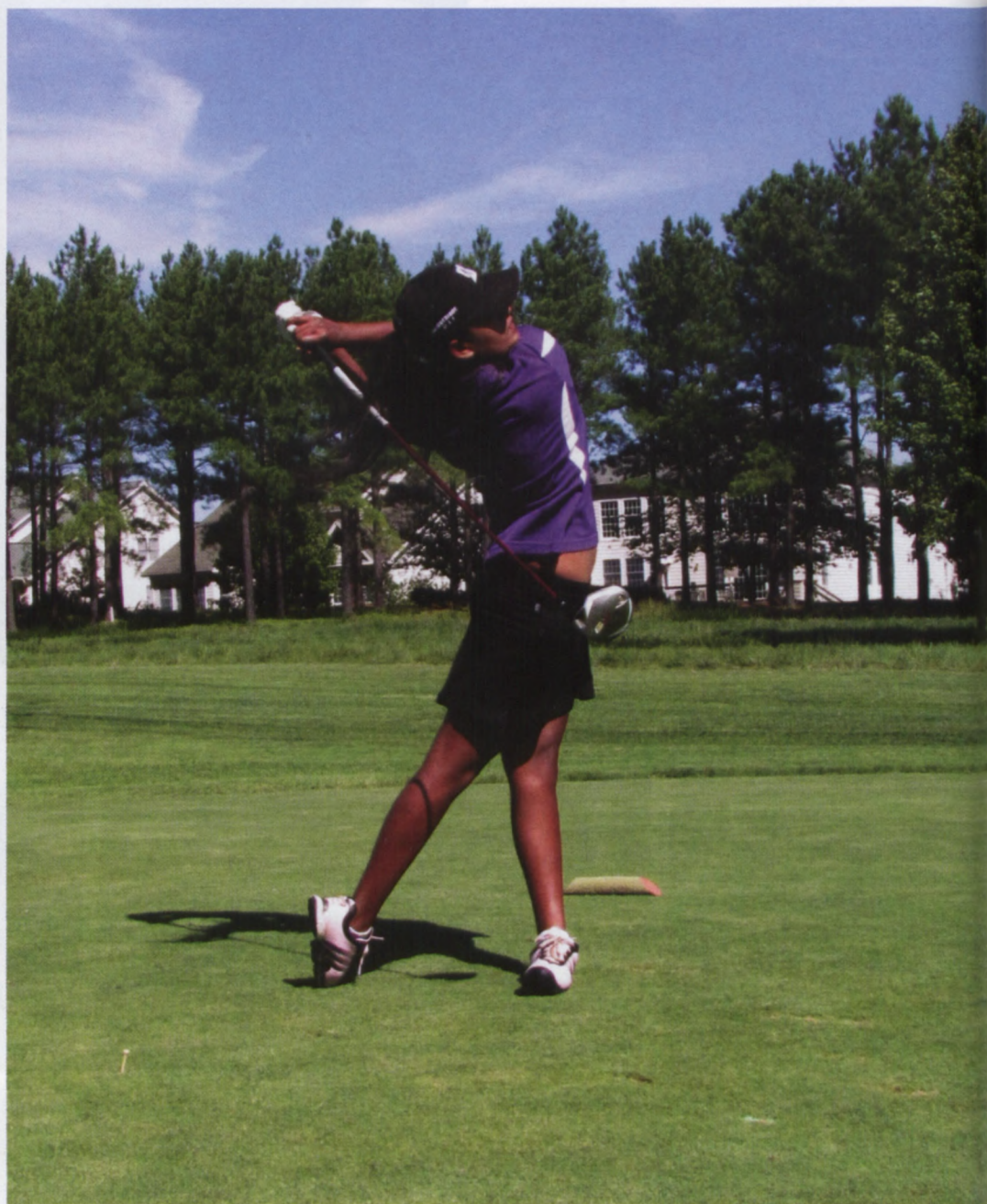
## Dance Team

This year, the Dance Team was able to create two groups of dance, the jazz group and hip hop group. The girls embraced the change; captain and senior **Margaret Bean** stated, "It's been an honor and so much fun to work with every teammate, I just couldn't ask for a better team!" The co-captain, junior **Briana Coleman**, aided Captain **Bean** and was very excited to attain the position. She wanted it ever since she knew her older sister had been a captain when she had been on the team. Every practice consisted of learning and perfecting routines to get ready for games, the pep rallies, and their Major competition Dance Champs. Dance Champs was a major competition where all Prince William County schools competed against each other. It was a very special milestone for the team, who were able to hold their Miss Prince William County title, a soloist competition for dancers, for the sixth year in a row. Junior **Jacyln Hamric**, the recipient of the soloist title, was honored to be able to compete, because she had always wanted a solo. She was very nervous before her performance, but she breathed deep and remembered all her hard work. They were able to receive more awards at dance champs than the past three years! The girls were able to bond throughout the season through outlets like little sister big sister and hosting tail gates before football games! Junior **Emily Jacobius** stated that her favorite part of dance team was, "Having that outlet, if you have a bad day at school, we know we can go to dance team and we will be able to talk to all our friends and coaches about it and they will be understanding." Senior **Kelsey Day** admitted that her favorite event to dance at was pep rallies. "Pep rallies are the most hype, you get very into the crowd and feed off people's energy."

~ Rachel DeVore







Junior **Khushboo Thiagaraj**, was one of the few girls on the varsity golf team. Her dad started encouraging her to play golf when she was only 8 years old and she has played ever since.

"I continued to play and grew to love the sport. Being the only girl on varsity makes me feel like women can do whatever they set their mind to. It also makes me feel great knowing that I am good enough to be on a varsity team full of boys. It has taken me years of hard work, practice, and dedication, with a lot of support from my parents."

She has had many colleges look at her for scholarships including Georgetown, James Madison University, University of Delaware, and the University of Kansas. "I definitely plan to play in college, and if professional golf works out for me that would be an amazing future," **Khushboo** said.

Perseverance and focus have brought her from simply playing golf with her dad to the beginnings of a career in golf.





1. On the green, junior **Nathan Morrison** carefully puts his ball on his marker about to make his final putt during the District Championship. **Morrison** ended up beating his own personal record with a score of 76 and moved onto regionals. **Morrison** said, "I took the risks I needed to take and the majority of them paid off."

2. Freshman, **Thi Dao** retrieves his Golf Carry Bag before moving onto the next hole. It's very important to golfers that they have all their clubs, for each and every club has a very distinct ability and job. Every club in Dao's bag had been cleaned and well taken care of so they would preform exactly how they were designed to.

3. Senior **Nicklaus Kwon** removes his marker and places his ball, and prepares to putt. Putting is by far the most tedious task in golf. Golfers must have excellent focus and concentration for the putt to be just right.

4. Junior **Khushboo Thiagaraj** swings with amazing form driving the ball towards the green during the first shot of the hole. It's highly crucial to golfers that they have a strong, steady swing. Any missed

shots could damage the whole game.

5. Senior **Nicklaus Kwon** intently watches the ball after his putt as he makes his way towards hole. These golfers walked many miles throughout a course during tournaments. Statistics have shown that on average, playing an 18 hole course, a golfer walks anywhere from 5-7 miles.

6. Junior **Brian Ganow** attentively concentrates on his ball, after a hard drive, waiting for it to drop. "The waiting can be the most nerve-wracking part," he said. A golfer never could know what he had to do for the next shot, until the previous one lands.

7. Sophomore **Linda Kil** drives the ball on her first swing. She intended to place the ball on the fairway so that she could continue to hit the ball onto the green to putt. The Fairway was the best place to be after the first shot, giving a clean path to the green.

8. Junior **Thomas Fricke** tees off in an intense match. "You always have to show up, every match matters" said **Fricke**. The teams hard work and daily dedication paid off; the golf team competed at states.



# Into the Green

## Golf

While they swung to victory, the golf team had an outstanding season; their best ever. On September 20th they won the District Championship title while breaking the school record with a score of 292. The next month, they were the Northwest Regional Champions for the second consecutive year. They also went on to place 3rd in the state tournament.

The season was led by Junior **Thomas Fricke**, "As a captain, you have to make sure you don't fool around. You always have to try hard and do your best, because the rest of the team feeds off of it."

Success as a team required a passion for golf in each individual player. Freshman **Thi Dao** said, "Before a match,

I always go to the range an hour before just to hit. I clear my mind and don't over-think it."

There was not a player who did not genuinely enjoy the game. Senior **Nicklaus Kwon** said, "The best feeling in golf is the satisfaction after you hit that one perfect shot."

Even though golf is about focus and work, the team still managed to be very comfortable around each other and had a lot of fun. Junior **Nathan Morrison** said, "Our team [became] really close at an invitational golf tournament; as much as we worked on our game and golf skills, we also bonded outside of practices playing video games and messing around."

The opportunity to go to states as a team was truly once in a lifetime.

~Allison Heinzer





# the Going For Green

## Varsity Field Hockey

The 2013 Varsity Field Hockey team was a force to be reckoned with. Winning Districts for the first time since 2009, they established themselves as a new competitor, one that other teams now feared. "During our District Champion game, we were all nervous to see the outcome, but because of all our [disciplined practices] and teamwork we came out with the champion title! It was a great season," said junior **Sommer Porter**. Preparing for Districts was a struggle, but with a new coach, came new coaching techniques. "She introduced a whole new coaching style that pushed us to our limits, but in doing that, set us up for the best season of our lives, and made us a family in the end," said senior **Veronica Demarest**. The team became one and achieved a season goal. "Everyone was very supportive and positive to each other. I have never been so proud of my team," said Senior **Kerstenn Marrero**.

~Alexis Hawthorne



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1. Sophomores **Halle Lahammer** and **Megan Daniels**, freshman **Kellie Burns**, senior **Heather Ferguson**, Coach **Moser**, freshman **Ana Craig**, senior **Daphne Aguire**, senior **Kerstenn Marrero**, and freshman **Alexandra Kugler** gather for moral support. Team building was a major part of having a successful year.

2. Senior **Meghan Villaricencio** challenges her opponent as they both reach for the ball. Games were not only fast-paced, but they could often involve minor injuries such as bruises and scrapes.

3. Senior **Kerstenn Marrero** sets up the ball for the goal. **Marrero** made ~ goals throughout the whole season.

4. Senior **Cheyenne Trammell** focuses on the ball as she defends her team. All of the players had to concentrate on the game to prevent the other team from scoring. Without the players' determination and focus, they could not act as a team.



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1. Freshman Meghan Tschida races her opponent towards the ball. Field hockey was an intense sport that required hours of physical activity. Players participated in conditioning activities to prepare them for the season.

2. Freshman Taylor English chases after the ball. Endurance is needed throughout the game. Attending practice was a sure way to be able to build up stamina.

3. Sophomore Abby Wentworth scrambles to get in the middle of the action. Field Hockey required intense situations. To be a great players, they needed to be one with the ball.



Most of this season's Junior Varsity Field Hockey players were new to the team and had to learn how to play and work together. "It was a new sport to all of us and we improved as a team," said freshmen Jenna Spedden. Since most of the team had just began the sport, it was essential for each member to be able to mesh through bonding activities. These activities helped keep the girls on track and focused on going in the right direction. They were able to go on trips and have parties as a team, and that helped them play and work hard. "My coaches and teammates influenced me to be a better player. I'm going to keep going to camps so I can get on Varsity," said freshmen Courtney Perkins. The dedication that was displayed by Perkins was one of the many reasons the team worked so well together.

~ Alexis Hawthorne

# JV Field Hockey **the** Playing Field







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Seniors **Brandon Dukeman**, left offensive tackle, and **John Agnos**, defensive tackle played football together since the fourth grade. Their extensive athletic career brought them extremely close, not only as teammates but also as best friends. "Playing with John taught me the value of team work and friendship. We had a lot of good times together," **Dukeman** stated.

"Talking in our secret code before each play was by far one of the best memories," **Agnos** shared. The boys would disguise the names of each play to make sure the other team could not interpret what they were about to do, essentially confusing their opponent.

While their passion for the game was always present on the football field, their bold personalities were displayed at all times, on and off the field. They debuted their signature dance after scoring a touchdown against the Woodbridge Vikings. Their celebration got the crowd pumped and up on their feet! With the completion of their final varsity football season, **Dukeman** and **Agnos** left behind a legacy and continue to sustain a bond unlike any other.

~ Rachel Kerxton





1. Senior **Joe Walker** makes an impressive catch against Garfield. His speed and quick hands allowed him to receive the pass from quarterback **Ryan Swingle**. This gain of yards contributed to the success of the game.

2. Seniors **River Piercy** and **Ryan Swingle** share a laugh at team dinner. The Varsity squad gathered before each game to fuel up and prepare for their match. This gave the players an opportunity to focus and adapt as a team as they anticipated their game.

3. Freshman kicker, **Brendon Feehan**, strikes the ball in a field goal attempt. His precision and concentration led to a successful kick. **Feehan** added three points to the Bobcat scoreboard!

4. Senior **Trent Saffin** leaps to catch the ball thrown by quarterback **Ryan Swingle** as a player from Potomac follows closely behind. **Saffin** and **Swingle** played all four years together as a quarterback and receiver. **Saffin** was the all time leading receiver until he was sidelined with a knee injury.

5. Senior **Nick Newman** breaks a tackle from the Garfield defense. His strength and power prevailed as he drove towards the end zone. **Newman's** efficiency made him a key component to each game.

6. Senior **Bucky Potter** cools down after a tough play. He was congratulated by his teammates and re-hydrated for the next series. His vigorous efforts did not go unnoticed!

7. Senior **Will Baker** stands ready to receive a pass. He was light on his feet and ready to accelerate. Another completion resulted in a gain of yards for the Bobcats!

8. Senior quarterback **Ryan Swingle** gives words of encouragement to his offensive line. They discuss the previous plays and strategize on how they can improve. The unity of the Bobcat offense played a critical role throughout the season.

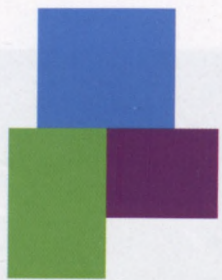


# Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Varsity Football Can't Lose!

Friday Night: Two words the Bobcat community glorified each and every week. Through an emotional journey, the Varsity team completed another successful year of football. With hopes held high, team standards were heightened this season. "My individual goal is to have a bigger impact on the success of the team and improve from last year," senior **River Piercy** explained. Meanwhile, a state-championship title was an aspiration agreed upon by all. Although this goal was not met, the team attained experiences unlike any other. "It's not just football; you leave with life lessons, friendships, and once in a lifetime bonds," senior **Junior Bennin** stated. The team took on the season game by game, improving and adjusting each week. Eventually, many of the players reached personal goals, despite the outcome of their season. Several players set Battlefield records, exceeded personal accomplishments, and made First Team All-District. Overall, this was a season of learning and growth for the Bobcats.

~Rachel Kerxton





# Freshman Football

Striving to be the best, Freshman football had a lot of pride. Some of the Bobcats come to school and fidget in their seats, made by their excitement for practice. Practices consisted of conditioning and position practices, where they practiced specific positions. Coaches Fair, Coughlin and Pauly worked with the freshmen to give them a solid base for the next three years, as they moved onto junior varsity and varsity football.

The walk-on team started practice in the beginning of of August. Freshman **Jonathan Salter** said that he was most proud of their "four game winning streak and the best freshman record since 2010 years. Our winning record was the best since Agnos played on the freshmen team." His advice to the rising freshmen: "If you are not ready for the pressure and commitment, then don't come out."

~ Paige Kyzer



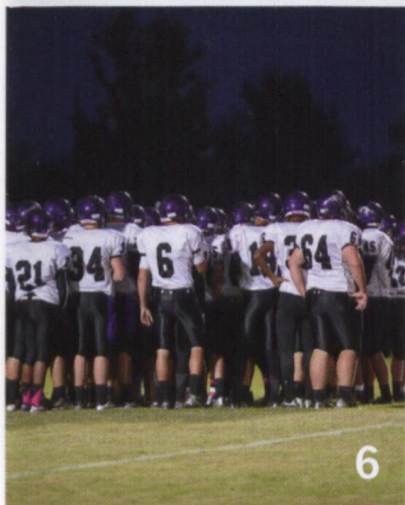
Freshmen Alex Gutierrez and Zack Stein are executing a sneak play against John Champe. The quarterback snapped and ran straight through the crowd of boys. This team of young football players were already building strong plays and learned how to communicate which strategies to use during close games. This teamwork would translate well as they progressed to junior and varsity football in the upcoming years.





Sophomore Nick Shannon trucks all of the opponents and drives towards the end zone. He lowered his shoulder and gripped the ball tightly in the appropriate stance. He pushed through the aggressive defense and picked up a ten yard gain for his team.

1. The Freshman team walks with courage towards the field preceding a game against Hylton. They demonstrated team unity as they stood side by side one another. Each game was a group effort with contributions from all team members and coaches.
2. Freshman running back **Brett Reid** jukes out a John Champe defender while trying to get the first down. **Reid** ran with purpose, prepared to take a hit from the strong defense. His gain of yards helped the team reach a scoring field position.
3. Freshman **Alex Gutierrez** and **Jeremy Lakey** discuss play options during a game against stonewall. A win against the Raiders, a Bobcat rival, was a team goal set at the beginning of the season. Team work and open communication helped the boys add another W to their record.
4. Freshman **Alex Gutierrez** warms up his arm for the game against John Champe. "I was throwing the ball to one of the receivers, Calvin Porter, and I was analyzing my opponents" said **Gutierrez**. The game was full of exciting plays and the crowd was raging.
5. Sophomore **Chris Przybocki** runs the ball down the field, outpacing Broad Run's defensive player. He dodged any and all opponents in his path. The energy and excitement from the crowd gave **Przybocki** the motivation to continue his drive towards the end zone.
6. The team huddles up and listens as the coach offers some words of encouragement. They nervously anticipated the start of the game. A team chant got the players hyped up and ready to begin their match.
7. Attempting to keep the ball in the hands of a Bobcat, the junior varsity players pushed for a first down. The overwhelming defense caused the Bobcats to fall short, but the play still resulted in a gain of yards. Teammates gathered to offer their support.



As the school year approached, returning freshman players, now sophomores, geared up for another exciting season of football. Knowing exactly what to expect, the team trained vigorously through summer and after school practices. As the boys transitioned from freshman to junior varsity football, a higher level of play in turn, resulted in higher expectations.

The players grew and developed as a whole, accomplishing many of their team and individual goals. Both coaches and players were impressed by the extensive improvement shown from the beginning of the year. After a successful season the JV squad prepares for the big leagues, in hopes to play Varsity ball next fall!

~Paige Kyzer and Rachel Kerxton

# Varsity Junior Football







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Every year, at the last competition, the seniors gave their "Senior Speech," a moment that they had anticipated since freshman year. Before the seniors stepped out on that field for the last time, they expressed their feelings about marching band. Some speeches were about funny moments that they had experienced, or how band had impacted their lives.

"After the first band member gave their speech, I was done. I could not stop crying. Then when I gave mine, I had to stop in the middle to get myself together. It finally hit me, this is it," said senior Allyson Keency. These seniors only spoke for a moment, but it was one that would be remembered forever as the end to their high school marching band experience.

~Christie Justis



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# Paint It Black and Purple

## Marching Band

The Battlefield High School Marching Band was "The Best Darn Marching Band in the Land." The members were extraordinarily close, despite the vast number of students in the band. They spent three weeks during the summer together, had practice after school three times a week, and performed at competitions almost every weekend. **Mr. Brodt**, the band director, was largely responsible for the overwhelming success of the band. Senior **Zak Khalil** said, "Mr. Brodt helps the success of the band with his unrelenting pressure. He always keeps the pressure on us, never lets us stop. I think that is a good thing." This motivation was demonstrated in many ways, including his rule of 'integrity push-ups'. Freshman **Catie Swinsky** stated, "Mr. **Brodt** encourages us to realize our mistakes on our own and do ten push ups every time that we mess up. It helps us learn what we are doing wrong and correct ourselves."

Because this group of students was so motivated to perfect their show, it was no surprise that they had a lot of respect for their fellow marching Bobcats. Senior **Liana Smith** said, "Spending so much time with the other people in band makes me respect them so much more, because I figure out who they are and I get to know them a lot better." Their determination to be the best proved that they were a group that strove to obtain nothing less than success. Their dedication showed that they would stop at nothing to reach their goal.

~Christie Justis



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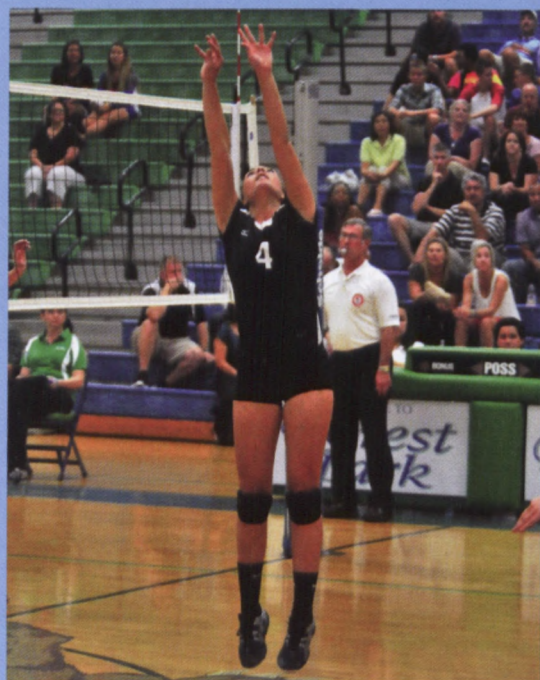
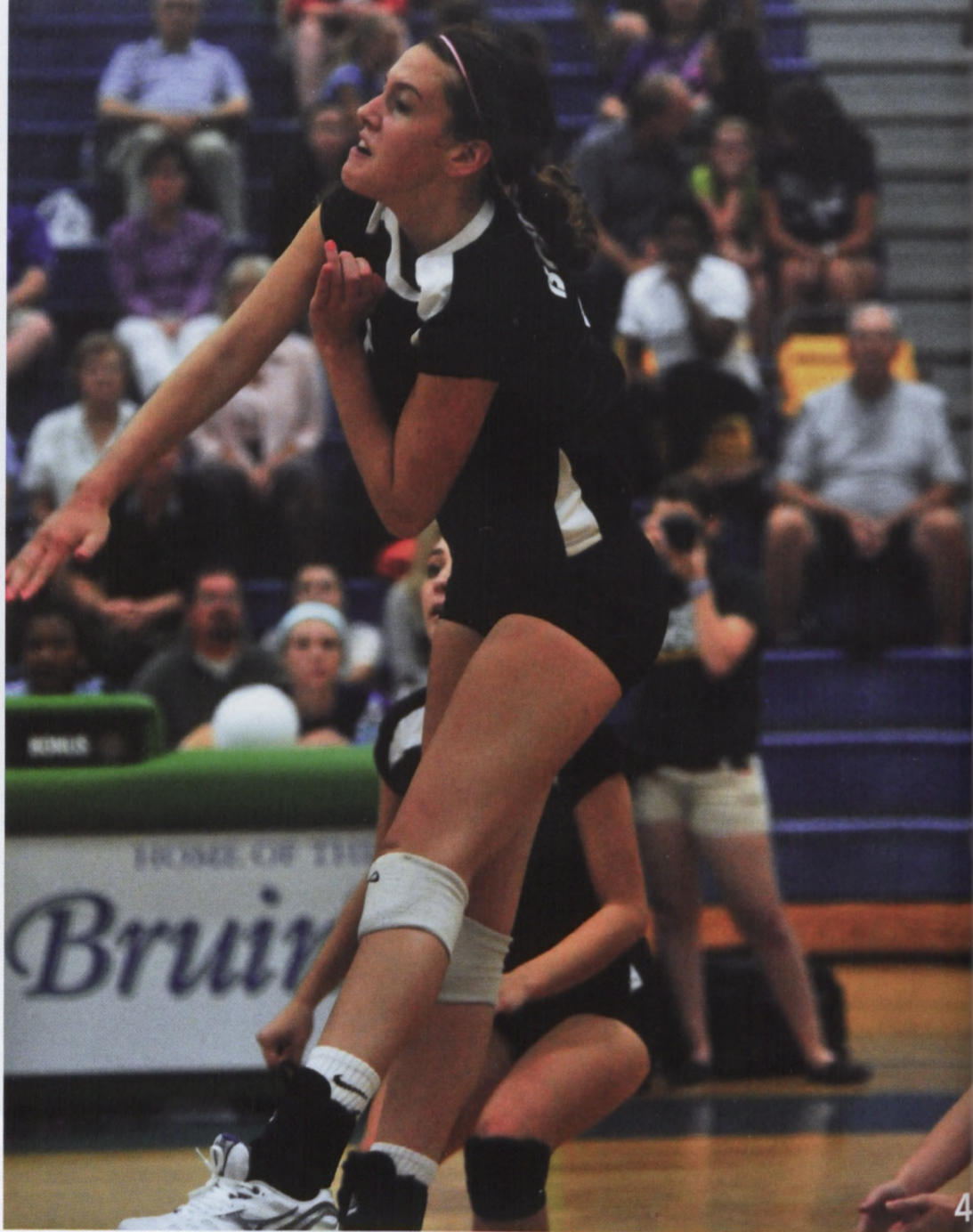
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1. Sophomore **Caroline Mohan** plays her mellophone during a nighttime competition. When asked how the band changed her high school experience she said, "Band is life changing because it teaches you how to be a leader."
2. Sophomores **Janay Brown** and **Nathan Sim** stand at a hold and play their 'Paint it Black and Purple' performance. Band members spent five days together each week and grew close throughout the season. "I moved here my freshman year from Ohio, and joining the band helped me gain a whole family," stated **Brown**.
3. The entire band marches onto the field to perform at the Manassas Park competition. Drum majors senior **Liana Smith** and junior **Karen Tran** led the band onto every field after senior **Cody Ellis** yelled, "Never give up, Never back down." The band scored first place at the competition, which lead to an undefeated season.
4. A band member waits for his pit part in the eight minute performance. The pit and the drum line kept the beat throughout the show. They, however, were following the drum majors hands that provided them with the tempo.
5. Senior **Caylin Dawson** beams at the judges as she performs the second song of the show. When asked about how the band has impacted her life, she stated, "Band is the first place I've ever really felt like I belonged. The people I've met here are so special and unique."
6. Seniors **Anthony Smith** and **Justin Thornton** laugh at a joke as they practice their music for the show. They showed their section pride by wearing matching shirts to practice. Practices were a place for band members to bond and have fun while preparing for competitions.





Beginning her final volleyball season as a returning varsity member, senior **Ashley Young** was ready to go out strong. **Young** had been a part of the Bobcat volleyball program all four years that she attended Battlefield and was yet to suffer any setbacks. During the Bobcats game against Forest Park, one of her teammates accidentally elbowed her in the face. As a result, her nose was broken and shifted out of place, which also caused a deviated septum. She had to have a minor surgery the following day, but said, "The pain was only temporary and hurt when I laughed or started breathing hard." **Young** was instructed to avoid vigorous physical activity until her nose was healed, but nothing could keep her away from the sport. She did not miss one single practice or game throughout her injury. "I had to wear a nose brace for a week and people kept questioning me on whether or not I had a nose job" she said with a smile. Despite nose job speculations and a temporary injury, nothing was able to keep **Young** from finishing her Bobcat volleyball career with a bang.





1. Junior **Brooke Lincoln** goes up for the ball with aggression and determination in her eyes. In a hard fought battle against Forrest Park, the Bobcats fell short in a close five set match. Although the team suffered a loss, games like these taught the players how to come together as a team and respond in the future.

2. Seniors **Annalie Robinson** and **Hanna Radhi**, along with teammate junior **Brooke Lincoln**, stand ready and prepare for the next serve. One of the most difficult things about volleyball, was always having to be ready. The Bobcats were always on their toes and ready for anything that came at them.

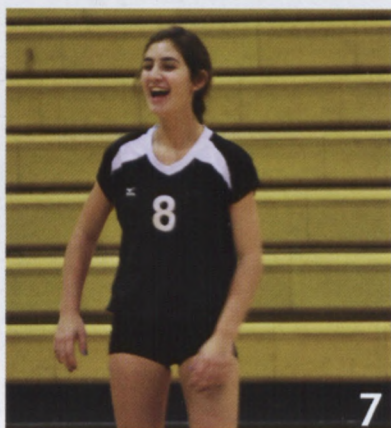
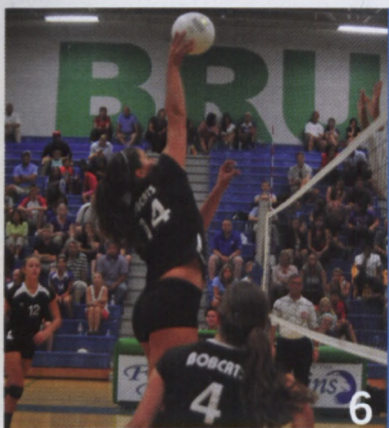
3. Head coach, **Mr. Lem**, encourages the girls in a close match, tied 2-2 against Forest Park. The 2012 season was **Lem's** last season as the head Varsity Volleyball coach at Battlefield High School. **Coach Lem**, also an English teacher at BHS, coached volleyball since the opening of the school in 2004, but decided it was time to hand over the responsibilities. **Coach Lem's** varsity six teams compiled a 70-61 overall record.

4. Sophomore **Alethia Quintero** hits a hard spike over the net and earns another point for the Bobcats. Her dedication and practice helped her be successful throughout the season and see improvement as the year progressed. As one of the few underclassmen on the team, **Quintero** rose to the challenge.

5. The Bobcats come together after a timeout to get fired up and refocused to eventually come away with the win. They played a hard fought game before Halloween against Freedom High School. The girls really exhibited teamwork and determination to turn their season around.

6. Senior **Hanna Radhi** makes an impressive block during the final set of a five game match. **Radhi** was a member of the Varsity Volleyball team since she was a sophomore and even got the chance to play with her sister who graduated a year prior. She committed to play volleyball at James Madison University and played with the Dukes in sight.

7. Junior **Belle Matthews** celebrates a difficult point that was made by a fellow teammate. The 2012 season was filled with many ups and downs for the Bobcat volleyball program, and the energy and positivity the team had really made a difference. Regardless of the final outcome, the players always made sure to learn from each and every match.



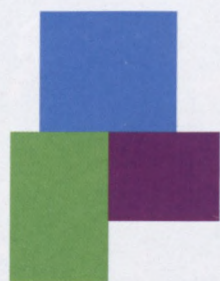
# Bump Set Spike

## Varsity Volleyball

With only three returning varsity members, the 2012 volleyball season started off a little slowly for the Bobcats; however, it did not take long for the girls to come together and turn the season around. "Before each game, we set three goals as a team for that specific night. Throughout the game, we would hold each other accountable and try and accomplish what we set out to do" explained junior **Allison Heinzer**. The goals helped players stay focused and created a common end in sight aside from the scoreboard. In addition to goal setting, players were required to attend team dinners at the school before each game. The dinners allowed time to fuel up and get to know other teammates in ways that were not possible on the court. Freshman **Bri Doehrmann** said, "It was very exciting making varsity and I was so relieved when the older girls didn't treat the underclassmen any differently. They really became our big sisters." **Heinzer** recalled one of her most memorable moments with her teammates from the season and said, "While playing back row during one of our games, I couldn't get my hands up quick enough and ended up getting hit in the face. Amazingly enough, Hanna was still able to keep it in play and then get the point!" Whether on or off the court, under or upperclassmen, the Bobcats worked together to turn their 2012 season around and made it one to remember.

~Miranda Stevens





# Bump It Up

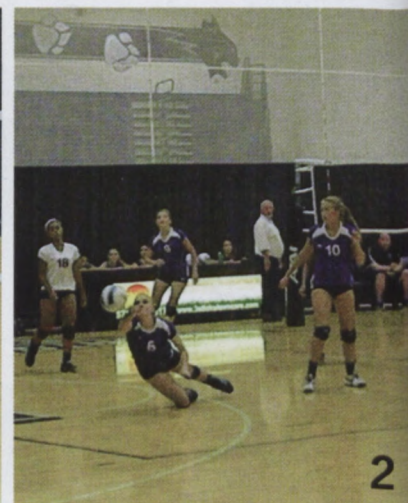
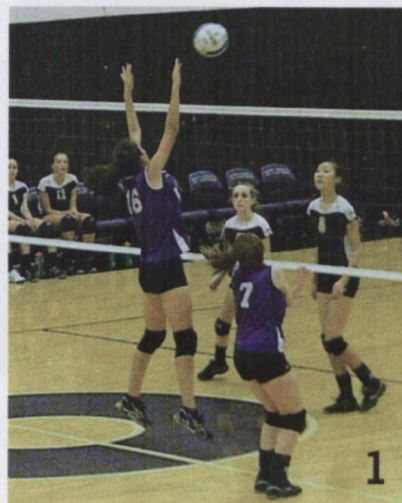
## Freshman Volleyball

The freshman volleyball team had an amazing season. They had to make the scary transition from middle school to high school. On top of trying to make new friends and working hard academically, they decided to join the freshman volleyball team.

The team grew close by eating and spending their free time together. Freshman **Briana Gasperino** said, "We bonded by going to Tony's after school with the team." Before every game they got pumped up by their coach. Freshman **Kaitlyn Beans** said, "Our coach yells an inspirational speech right before the play."

This close-knit team gave it their all to prove their talent and make their mark in the volleyball world. The Freshman Volleyball Team was a great way to get experience playing volleyball in high school.

~Mikayla Kyle



1. Freshman **Riley Beresford** blocks the ball against the opposing team. Her block saved the team from losing a point. She helped the team win another game.

2. Freshman **Sydney Murphey** dives for the ball to try and save the point for the team. Although she was unable to save the ball in this play, she was still a strong component of the team. She set the team up for success.

3. Freshman **Shea Swingle** serves the ball while sophomore **Katie White** waits for the return. Her serve gave the team a strong lead. Her consistency put points on the board in a time of need.

4. The Freshman team gets motivational words from their coach. The girls worked hard as a team throughout the entire game. These few seconds of encouragement made a huge difference in their performance.

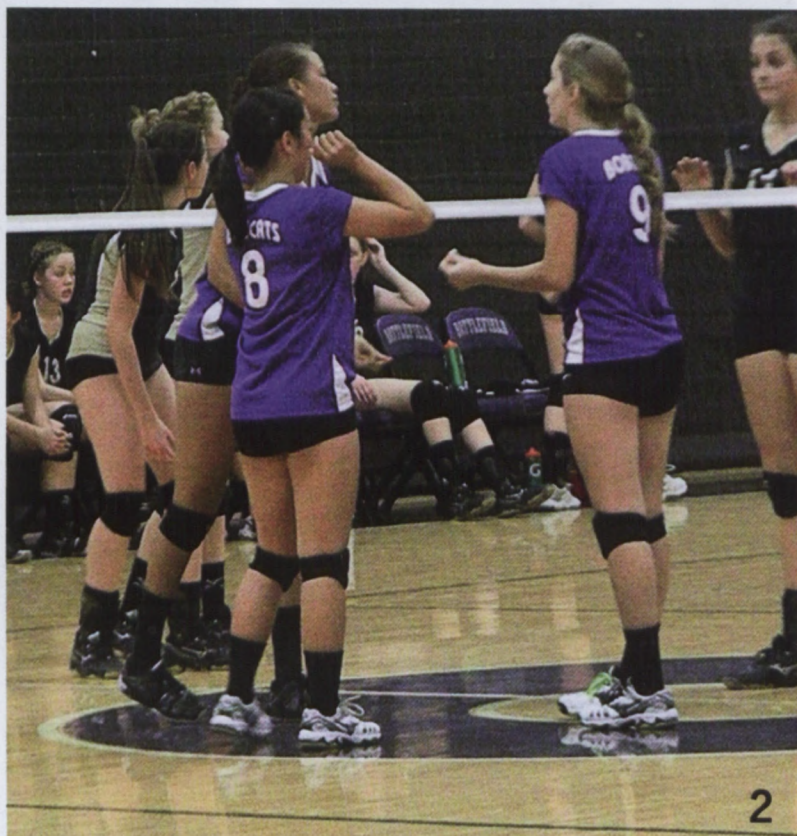






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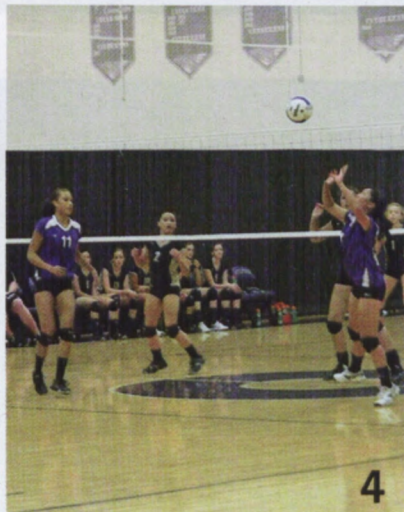
1. Freshmen Sydney Murphy, Skyler Sisk and Olivia Boyd pass the ball while keeping up defense in scoring yet another point. Murphy's pass was a key point in keeping the score up for the Bobcat team and leading to an amazing game.
2. Freshman Rachel Hong, Skylar Sisk, and sophomore Courtney Key communicate to one another to make their performance stronger. They got ready for their next play. They also talked about what they planned to do.
3. Sophomores Courtney Key, Katie White, Chanelle Chatman, and freshman Rachel Hong celebrate after scoring a hard pass. They came together and encouraged each other to keep up the amazing work. They worked as a team throughout the whole game.
4. Freshman Rachel Hong sets up the ball for sophomore Courtney Key to spike it. Hong was able to score a point for her team, which put them in the lead. Her techniques was flawless when she spiked the ball.



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Through teamwork and dedication the JV Volleyball girls accomplished many of their goals this year. They came together as a team and enjoyed playing the game with their teammates. Sophomore Rebecca Post said, "We were playing against Robinson and were down by 15 points because of miscommunication, but made a huge comeback and won!"

Being a team did not only matter on the court, but they were close off of the court too. Sophomore Courtney Key said, "We sing a lot and dance before games to get our energy flowing." This group of girls put their hearts into their games and grew as a team. Many of them aspired to extend their volleyball careers both throughout and after high school.

~Mikayla Kyle

# Set Up For Success

JV Volleyball







Dreams came true for the captain of the girls varsity basketball team, senior Jessi Whaley. This year Whaley received and accepted a scholarship to UVA. Whaley stated, "I have played basketball all my life so I'm really grateful for the opportunity to continue playing at a higher level."

Whaley worked hard throughout her high school career, especially her junior year. "After my junior year, it hit me that I really need to step it up. In the off season I did whatever it took to improve. I really went back to fundamentals and worked on those."

Whaley's hard work was finally worth it when she received a full ride to UVA. Whaley is extremely excited for college. She can't wait to continue to improve her game and become an even better player.





1. Sophomore **Elisia Diggs** runs along the court during a game against Georgetown Visitation Prep. **Diggs** stated that she was "More confident shooting and dribbling wise." **Diggs** continued to progress through out the year.

2. Senior **Jessi Whaley** practices her dribbling during practice. **Whaley** was also the captain on the team. The girls practiced their dribbling during practices, so when it was game time the girls were perfect.

3. Junior **Natalie Salter** looks for an opening to pass the ball as an opponent from Georgetown Visitation Prep attempts to block her. **Salter** was not intimidated by her opponent. The girls did not crack under pressure and ended the game with a win.

4. The Cheerleaders and the referee watch as junior **Brianna Jones** jumps into the air and successfully scores a point for the bobcats. During practice the girls perfected their shooting so during the game they could make it every time.

5. Sophomore **Misha Jones** watches at a player from Georgetown Visitation Prep. During practice the girls ran many different drills so they were prepared for the game. As a sophomore, **Jones** had time to grow to be the best player she can be. She looked forward to two more years on Varsity.

6. Freshman **Taylor Baltimore** passes the ball to another team mate. During practice the girls practiced passing and plays. Throughout the season the girls showed off their skills.

7. Sophomore **Teresa Wagner** attempts to block a player from Osbourn Park. **Wagner** worked hard this season to make sure that she completed every pass. As a sophomore **Wagner** had a bright future for Bobcat Basketball.



# This is how We Do It

This year the girls varsity basketball team achieved a winning season through hard work and dedication. **Elisia Diggs** agreed with this statement, "We have a winning season, a good coaching staff and a really great team that is always together on and off the court." Junior **Brianna Jones** believes that the reason that their team has done so well because, "We help each other get better and we also push each other."

The girls had been preparing for this season weeks before their school conditioning started. Sophomore **Misha Jones** prepared for the season by, "watching films, going to the gym every other day, shooting in my driveway and also lifting."

Another factor that led to the girls winning season was that they came together to work together as a tight knit group. The girls slept over at each others houses, went to the gym, and also spent most of their time joking around.

One moment that stood out from the rest of the season according to **Misha Jones** was, "The first Stonewall game, it showed us what we could do if we put our minds to it. It gave us a lot to build on as well as give us confidence." The girls had a positive attitude on and off the court and it helped them have a winning season.

~Emma Wedemeyer





# Get Your Head In The Game

## Freshman Girls Basketball

If you had walked into a Girls Freshman Basketball game on any given night, there would have been the girls warming up and clapping for each other as it came to an end. "We've always clapped for each other, it's just what we've done since the beginning. We start out slowly but gradually speed it up as we come together. It gets our heads in a game," said freshman **Kylie Ream**.

The girls were extremely supportive of one another and thrived with the strong leadership from coaches and captains. "One of our captains, **Shannon Gang**, really helped the team out. Whenever she saw someone struggling or doing something wrong she'd come over and help us fix it," stated freshman **Marissa Anderson**.

As the girls helped each other, they set a foundation for the years to come. Freshman **Lauren Ainslie** said, "I really enjoy the game. The older and more experienced I get I realize I want to continue playing more and more, because there's still so much more for me to learn and improve on."

~Allison Heinzer



1. Freshman **Shannon Gang** throws the ball to a teammate across the court. "Starting the game, our main goal is to cooperate and play for the team, rather than playing for ourselves," stated **Gang**. Collaboration and working together was the key to success in the game.

2. Freshman **Amber Martin** puts out her hand to block players on the opposite team from receiving the ball. "Defense is the part of the sport that requires strength, you have to be willing to put yourself in people's ways to keep them from getting where they're trying to go, that's what I like about it," shares **Martin**. Defense is a crucial aspect of the game, it is needed to get the ball back into the hands of the offensive players to gain points.

3. Freshmen **Kylie Ream** and **Courtney Perkins**, along with the rest of the team, listen as their coach gives them a pep-talk during a timeout. "Whenever we're getting down on ourselves, our coach just tells us that as long as we're trying and playing our hearts out, he couldn't be more proud," said **Perkins**.

4. Jumping into the air above the Stonewall players, freshman **Lauren Ainslie** takes a shot at the basket. Taking chances is a huge part of the game. If players are not willing to take the risk of a shot, they will never know what could come out of it.







1. Sophomore **Monica Karas** dribbles the ball around the opposing team to get the ball down to the basket. One of the most important skills to have in basketball is being able to control the ball. **Karas** was a very controlled player throughout the season when it came to ball handling, which contributed to the team in a big way.

2. Sophomore **Elizabeth Kim** jumps to do a lay-up during warm-ups before a big game against Patriot. With only one year of previous experience playing the game she has gained many new skills that she hoped would take her to the varsity level the next year. "I love playing, especially with coaches that bring such life to the game," said **Kim**.

3. Freshman **Karli Chipps** jumps to shoot a basket within the first quarter of the game against Stonewall. Conditioning put the girls' legs in great shape and gave them the ability to jump high and have a good hang-time. Her ability to perform under pressure helped the team to play up to their level.

4. Sophomores **Huda Abdulkadir** and **Sara Roselius** sit with their team to cheer on the girls on the court. The team had to fight through many challenging games and all the girls supported each other until the end. Without the encouragement of teammates, it's easy to get down in a difficult game.



Throughout the difficulties of the basketball season, the girls JV team kept their heads up and fought to the end. "I just love playing," said junior **Jenesis Harper**, "I have a love for the energy and spirit that comes with being a part of a team. As Captain I try to keep that, before games I'll blast music and sing and dance with the team, it loosens them up before a game." The team also had a few other rituals to prepare them for game time. "We'd pray as a team before we were about to play, led by our coaches," explained sophomore **Alexis Kirby**. During the season the girls picked up a lot more than just basketball skills. "I didn't just learn how to better my game, I learned that basketball can teach you just as much about life, about working together, playing on your strengths and counting on others when your's fall short, and not quitting when things get tough," stated sophomore **Elizabeth Kim**.

~ Allison Heinzer

# Play On Your Strengths

## Girls JV Basketball







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## Making History

Senior **Roman Hall** was the captain of the Battlefield Bobcats Varsity Basketball Team, and All Cedar Run District for the 2013 season. **Hall** dedicated himself entirely to basketball, by playing no other sports in high school. **Hall** practiced and put in hours during the off season to prepare himself for the challenges of the coming season. He was known as a 'hype-man'. With his dedication and willingness to work hard, **Hall** spent all four years as part of the varsity team.

"I plan to go to college and will play basketball there. If I could be an NBA player I would be one," **Hall** shared. Every member on the team liked and respected him. **Hall** was determined to make sure the team's legacy was engraved into Battlefield history by attaining the highest level of competition in the school's history.

—Niki Melendez and Eema Iftikhar





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1. Assistant Coach Don Fair and Head Coach Kurt Pauly, along with Assistant Coach Jeremy Coleman, watch the The Cedar Run Championship game with intensity. The team was considered the under-dog in the game, and the win led them to the State Quarter-finals. The team members were inspired by the coaches, and willingly accepted their advice and guidance.
2. Senior **Terrell Walker** defends a Stonewall Jackson guard as he drives to the basket. Walker was 1st Team All Cedar Run District, and his quick feet allowed him to contain his opponent a provoke a turn over. The team's strong defense proved to be a key component to the game.
3. The team celebrates their emotional win against GW Danville High School, the second ranked team in the state; Battlefield had been the under-dog. The high-energy game ended with a score of 95-89 for the Bobcats. This important win allowed the team to qualify for the State Tournament.
4. Junior **Jamison Glover** pulls up for a jump shot. Glover, who was 2nd Team All Cedar Run District, was able to make the shot, despite the aggressive defense. With tenacious playing, the team continued to add points to the board.
5. Freshman **Blake Pagon** lines up as he prepares to shoot a free throw. Pagon was the only freshman to make the varsity team. Although he was the youngest member, he was respected for his willingness to work hard.
6. Junior **Jamison Glover** plays defense against a Stonewall Jackson Raider. Glover was credited for his agile moves and speed. A strong defense played an important role in this fast-paced game.
7. Junior **Trevor Blondin** drives to the basket for a lay-up. Blondin, also 2nd Team All Cedar Run District, broke the strong defense and was able to complete his shot. The Bobcat's aggressive offense allowed the team to put many points on the board.

# Swish Slam Dunk

## Varsity Boys Basketball

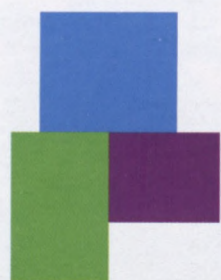
For the first time in the school's history, the Boys Varsity Basketball Team made it to the State Quarter-finals. They ended the phenomenal year as one of the top 8 teams in the state. Not only did they make it the furthest in the team's history, but they also had the most wins in one season with 19 wins. They also won a Regional game for the first time ever; in addition to the Bull Dog Bash Holiday Tournament at Westfield High School. With determined players and countless hours of practice, the boys were able to defeat some of their toughest opponents.

They set the bar high for the season and were able to easily surpass many of their goals. "Belief in ourselves as a team, rather than individuals is what made our season successful and helped us get to States," sophomore **Kameron Hedgepeth** shared. As a result of all their accomplishments, the boys formed a strong bond that extended beyond the court. "We play for each other and only worry about bettering the team as a whole," senior **Roman Hall** explained, and that was exactly what they did this season.

The Bobcats left their legacy as the first team to reach the State Tournament with hopes to carry on the success of the team next season. "I learned a lot of things from watching the seniors play this year and hope I can help lead the team next year," junior **Dre Henry** stated. This was truly a season to remember for the Basketball Program!

~ Rachel Kerxton





# Ca\$hing In

## Boy's Freshman Basketball

There was an obvious difference in the boy's freshman season this year, and the previous. Was the difference really something as simple as unity? "We hang out as a team a lot more than I have with previous teams. The coach does Young Life so we hang out with his youth group, go out to dinner or Buffalo Wild Wings or go to Tony's before games," said freshman **Michael Conrad**. The boys came together in and out of practices and games building up a strong connection on and off the court. Throughout the season as the team got closer, inside jokes developed. "We have this joke within our team, that whenever someone does something good we'll say something like 'oh my gosh that was so cash,'" shared freshman **Jacob Ritter**. "Being closer than most teams definitely helps us out on the court to work together as a team, we're at the top of our district," said freshman **James Beasley**. As said by Michael Jordan, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships." This mindset helped take the freshman team to the top.

~ Allison Heinzer

1. The team huddles up in between quarters to get a pep talk from their coach. "Our coach encourages us and tells us to just play our game, because we all know how and we're on the team for a reason," said freshman **Oakley Herrewig**. With strong guidance and a supportive team, the boys ended with an incredible season.
2. Throwing his arms up around a member of the opposing team, freshman **Keagan McGinnis** keeps Patriot player from being able to pass the ball. In the biggest game of the season for these boys, they had to really put up a strong defense. They finished the game with big win.
3. Freshman **James Beasley** passes the ball to his teammate, freshman **Keagan McGinnis**. "As a captain, I don't always say much, I prefer to lead by example, be a team player and fight through the rough games," said **Beasley**. If even one player is getting down on themselves and making constant mental mistakes, it affects the team as a whole.
4. Freshman **Dillon O'Brien** jumps up over Stonewall players to shoot a basket. "I really look up to the varsity players, they take the game seriously and I see that as somewhere I want to be my junior and senior year," said **O'Brien**. Like many other players, he hopes to improve and continue playing basketball throughout high school.







1. Sophomore **Rashon Smith** launches himself into the air to score a point for his team. His competitiveness and technique racked up some points during tough games. "You can't worry about the mistakes, you just have to let the game come to you and play the best you know how," said **Smith**.
2. **DeShaun Ormond** warms up with his team, doing lay-ups and taking practice shots before a game. "I like how fast-paced the basketball is, and you have to have so many different skills to play and be able to keep up with the game," said **Ormond**. Despite all the various reasons these boys were on the team, they all shared one thing, a passion for the game.
3. Junior **Matthew Dooley** blocks a Patriot player to keep him from getting the ball to other teammates. Defense was a huge part of the game that could not be ignored. If the team could not keep the ball from the other team, they could not run their defense.
4. Junior **Mohit Jakher** jumps to shoot the game tying point in the last minute of the final quarter in the game against Patriot High School. The boys final game against the school's biggest rival was exciting and nerve-wracking, complete with a heart-stopping finish. The game was fought hard until the end with the boys tying up and scoring the final points that won the game in the last minute.



Like many other student athletes the JV basketball team had certain rituals to get their minds in game mode. "I have to eat Frosted Flakes before a game, because of the 'Earn Your Stripes' commercials. We all have something to get us ready for a game, and that's what works for me," said sophomore **Rashon Smith**.

What worked for the Junior Varsity team was a competitive spirit and hard work. "We're a very competitive team, said sophomore **Matthew Diefes**, "sometimes we let that get in-between us playing as a unit, but we realize that in a game, to win, playing as individuals won't get us anywhere. So when it comes to game time, we pull together and play as a team." This attitude showed throughout the season, as several different boys led a balanced scoring attack and the team as a whole played a solid defense. Many of the boys looked forward to playing varsity in the years ahead.

~ Allison Heinzer

# 'Till The Buzzer Sounds

Boy's JV Basketball





# You Lose You Win With Bars Gymnastics With Beam



Similar to many other sports, gymnastics required both physical and mental toughness. "I wanted to do something that pushed me," said freshman **Kayley Herr**. The level of difficulty the sport required drew many students to the team. The fact that the sport had many different events to offer also added to the appeal. "My favorite event is beam, because it's challenging but you have to have confidence in yourself," said senior **Elena Patchan**. Confidence was a major part to the sport, and many of the girls gained their confidence with the help of their teammates. "We are really close as a team, and I could not have asked for a better team," said sophomore **Victoria Krivo**. Although it may have seemed more like an individual sport, gymnasts relied on their team, which successfully brought them to states.

~ Courtney Key



1. Senior **June Mumo** strikes a final pose during her floor routine. **Mumo's** grace and poise during this event gave her strong leads against her opponents. The consistency of her performances won her several medals throughout the season.

2. Senior **Elena Patchan** performs a flawless routine on the beam. **Patchan** was a major contributor to the team's win. "I have to make sure I'm focused, but not too focused to psych myself out," said the Senior.

3. Freshman **Alysha Darden** hugs her coach after nailing a difficult routine on bars. A gymnast must have tremendous endurance and strength to compete on bars. **Darden** mastered her routine through constant practicing and strength conditioning.

4. The team waves to the audience as they take their first place medals. They pushed themselves to finish strong, which led them to win the District Championship. "We all get along really well, which helps us compete as a team," said freshman **Alysha Darden**.

5. Senior **Kassie Krivo** prepares to dismount on the uneven bars. Her focus and determination led to high scores during the meets. Having taken advantage of many opportunities, **Krivo** helped the team make it's way to the State Championships.



## All Good Things Come To An End

Senior **June Mumo** had been involved in gymnastics basically all her life. "I started in the second grade, but when I moved to Virginia I joined a gymnastics club," said **Mumo**. Having competed at many levels **Mumo** knew what her strengths and weaknesses were during competition. When asked what her favorite and strongest event was, she couldn't come up with a set answer. "It's definitely a close tie between bars and floor," said the Senior, "I love the feeling of swinging on bars but I also love the dance aspect and creative elements that come with floor." **Mumo's** performance this season had greatly improved from the past season. "I was so thankful to be able to help my team place 1st at districts, 2nd at regionals, and 5th at states," said **Mumo**. Although gymnastics was not a part of **Mumo's** future plan, she still cherished all the hard work and time she put into the sport. The senior concluded with, "It's gonna be hard to leave the sport, but I'm excited to see what my future holds and it was great to end my career on a high note."

~ Courtney Key









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## Dedication Pays Off

Senior Alex Merritt is a dedicated member of the Battlefield indoor track team. In the years that he has been running track, he has participated in hurdles, sprints, relays, and long jumps. Merritt says, "One of the things I love about track is that it really is an individual sport. You have no one to blame but yourself when you do badly and you know that all of YOUR hard work leads you to your success." Merritt first started track in 7th grade to stay in shape for football. In the 8th grade, he realized that he had more potential in track rather than in football. Since his freshman year he has competed at the Varsity level in both indoor and outdoor track. In addition, he has also earned Sprints MVP, All-District, All-Region, 2nd team All-Area, state qualifier, national qualifier, All-American, and 2013 USATF Youth Indoor National Champion. To Merritt, track may be an individual sport, but for the past four years his dedication and success has contributed to Battlefields' indoor and outdoor track teams' victories.





1. Senior **Luke Mazzu** runs long distance at an indoor meet. Inspired, **Mazzu** said, "Dedication finishes before only natural ability in the long run," he believed that, "running in general, is a sport where if you want to be great, you can succeed personally through hard work and dedication." **Mazzu** ran long distance, primarily in the 800m and 1600m.
2. Senior **Michael McCormack** high jumps in indoor track. **McCormack** said, "Track keeps me active, surrounds me with some wonderful people, and unlike most sports, allows the spotlight to be focused on me during my events." Along with high jump he has run the 200m, and the 400m.
3. Sophomore **Claire Gloss** hurdles at a track meet. **Gloss** said, "I love hurdling, it is far more challenging than just running and it requires a lot of focus and can get quite frustrating, but I love it anyways." She has primarily ran hurdles and went to states for it this past winter.
4. Senior **Brandon Williams** hurdles over a 110 meter hurdle. **Williams** said, "Track is physically and mentally demanding and I love the competition and I love to win." He was the All American in high jump and the 55 hurdles, he was the national medalist in the 4X1.
5. Juniors **Morgan Albertson** and **Katherine Iskander** run long distance against Patriot High School. Being best friends with similar running times, they motivated each other throughout the track season. During the off season, they both even ran together to stay in shape.
6. Senior **Whitney Burns** runs in a track meet against Patriot High School. **Burns** started running because she was influenced by her friends to join, then after gained her love for running. While running indoor track, **Burns** also ran cross country and outdoor track for Battlefield throughout her four years enrolled.
7. Sophomore **Sean Cephus** long jumps in indoor track. **Cephus** said, "I also play football, but I like running because it's always been easy for me, it also helps me get faster for football." He has also done the 400, the 4X100, 4X200, 4X400, the 100m, 200m, the triple jump, and the long jump.

Faster

Stronger

Farther Indoor Track

Beginning in late fall, dozens of runners came out to start warm ups and work outs for the upcoming indoor track season. Led by **Coach Wolverton**, the boys and girls track team strove for victory each and every year. With a love for running, many students joined for the sport alone, but others joined to stay in shape or as an extra athletic activity. Junior **Allison Heinzer** said, "I started indoor track to stay in shape for volleyball." Aside from running, **Heinzer** also pole vaulted and said, "I pole vault, so I make sure to do my warm ups with Hannah because I'm not so competitive against her, but we make sure to push each other to our limits." Both girls and boys teams worked to build up their strength, speed, and endurance. Along with the students, the coaches also had a passion for indoor track. Track's newest coach, **Coach Tines**, who came to the team with five years experience, commented that he enjoyed coaching because "I like how all my coaches have helped me in the past and I wanted to return the favor." He motivated the athletes by saying, "I tell them to look at their goals and tell them, if you want it, you really got to go for it, or you are not going to get it." Throughout their season, the team improved from last year. The girls achieved 3rd in Regionals and 2nd in the District Championships. The boys had also improved and made 2nd in Regionals and 2nd in the District Championships. These athletes did not just run, they hurdled, shot put, pole vaulted, relayed, and sprinted. All the amazing athletes were out on the track no matter what the weather conditions were. This sport proved that it took dedication and determination to succeed.

~Samantha Riedl





## Swimming Down Memory Lane

Junior **Kayla Troiano** competed in the freestyle relay, against fellow swimmers who swam on the team in past years, at the alumni meet. This meet was an annual tradition which was held before the holiday season to welcome back all the graduated swimmers. The swimmers swam with Santa hats in honor of the upcoming holidays. "It's a meet where we can have fun, not worry about competition, and reconnect with swimmers who have graduated in years past," said **Troiano**. This year marked the second annual alumni meet. The current girl's team won against the alumni girl's team. However, the current men's team lost against the alumni team. It was fun for the team to see their former teammates and reflect upon memories from the past. This meet created many memories and friendly competition between the alumni team and the current team.

~Emily Ervine





1. Freshman **Anna Patterson** swims the 100 meter breast stroke in the Stonewall meet. During the season she got to swim her favorite stroke, breast stroke, and improved each week. **Patterson** was intimidated coming in as a freshman, but all the seniors welcomed her in with open arms.

2. Seniors, **Emily Ervine**, **Rachel DeVore**, **Yelena Medovar**, **Nina Tremols**, **Rishah Manoppo**, **Jill Jamison**, and **Maria Segura** prepare for Senior Night celebrations. The seniors jumped off the diving blocks to honor all of their swimming accomplishments throughout the years. "I swam with these girls for years now, and its bittersweet to see us all go in different directions," claimed **Jamison**.

3. Junior **Drew Plott** swims the 200 meter freestyle. The 200 meter freestyle race is a very rigorous and tiresome race for swimmers. "I like the dynamic of swim team because we are like a family and I can always count on them to hype me up before a race and cheer me on," commented **Plott**.

4. Freshman **Nihar Bhat** swims the 100 meter butterfly. As a freshmen, he scored many points for the Men's Team and continues to drop time in all of his events. "Before a race a shake all of my components hands to wish them good luck," explained **Bhat**.

5. Sophomore **Andrew Arlint** dives in for the 100 meter freestyle. The race was against Broad Run where Battlefield Men's Team won the meet. "I usually swim the 50 and 100 meter free because I love short distance races where I can sprint the whole way," said **Arlint**.

6. Junior **Andrew Tyson** practices his streamline for the regional meet. The team wore tights to create drag in preparation for upcoming District and Regional meets. **Tyson** was very excited because this was his first time qualifying in the Regional meet for the 100 meter butterfly.

# You Can Breathe Later

## Varsity Swimming

Swimmer's take your marks, get set, go! This was a transitional year. A third of the swimmers from last year graduated, which meant that the team had spots available to build a new team. The relatively new team bonded through exhausting practices and meets every week. "It's been cool to watch this team progress and perform individually and as a whole throughout the years," stated nostalgic senior **Bill Pogue**. Every meet, team members lined up along the edges of the pool to cheer on their teammates and encourage each other to drop time. Exhilarating races could end by the winner only touching the wall a tenth of a second before the opponent in the next lane.

"It was fun to meet new friends and learn from upper classmen and captains who helped to encourage us and build upon our confidence," commented freshman **Caroline Hackler**. Every Friday meet began with an enthusiastic cheer and ended with the team bonding over food at IHop. This team has such a strong dynamic as a whole; cheering each other on during races, providing support for each other, and creating everlasting friendships.

~Emily Ervine





Battlefield	190½	JEFFERSON
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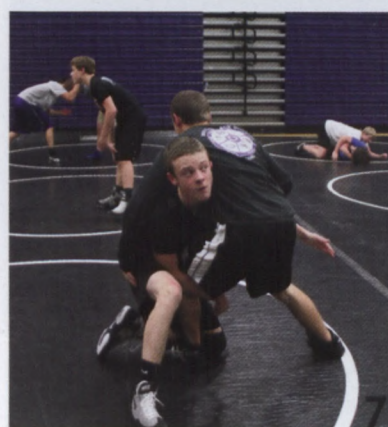
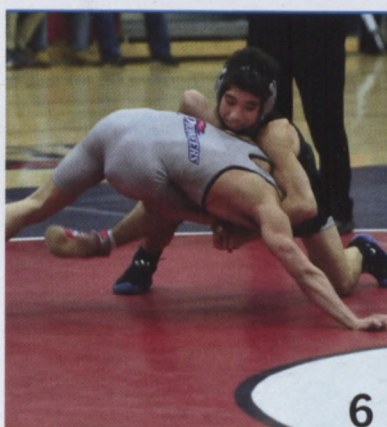


## Sibling Rivalry

There is always a certain role an older sibling will take on when teaching the ropes of high school to their younger siblings. Junior Robert Mello does this with his younger brother Freshman Trevor Mello. Robert loves to help his younger brother out at wrestling practice, but there is also a little sibling rivalry. "I would say it is kind of cool having Trevor there with me and showing him what it is all about. It is also nice having him at practices because I can show him the ropes and the ups and downs of being a part of a team. It is hard to wrestle around with him because of our weight differences, but we are competitive to see who can get the most pins," said Robert. Being the younger sibling Trevor feels as if he needs to ask for advice, and his older brother would suit perfectly. "It is really cool to wrestle on the same team as my brother because I can learn new tricks from him because he has been on the team longer. But yes, there is a brother rivalry! I always try to win more matches than he does," said Trevor. Siblings on a team can create an irreplaceable bond.

~ Paige Kyzer





1. Junior Alec Shrauder staring down his opponent and thinking of ways to pin him. The Nova Classic at Fairfax High School was a success for the Battlefield Bobcats.

2. Battlefield wrestling won their first meet of the year and was a sky rocketing ten and a half points ahead of all the other schools. During the rest of the year they won almost every single meet, and individually the team did outstanding. The team members have placed in multiple weight classes and even placed in States.

3. Junior Chase Richardson is about to sprawl his opponent and do his best for his team at the Nova Classic. Being on varsity wrestling and football for two seasons collided and

Richardson stayed in the best shape for the wrestling season. Wrestling required athletes to be in the best shape and that is exactly what Richardson was in.

4. Junior Justus Weaver is picking up an opponent in the Nova Classic at Fairfax High School. "Practices are tough but I know they are good for me. This season I would want to see myself on top of the podium and do well at states, and finish what I started last year. The only thing you deserve is what you earned," said Weaver. Practicing the new moves sufficiently is what will help the wrestlers succeed at matches.

5. Senior Alex Thomas won first place at the Nova Classic for his weight category. "I felt like winning the Nova Classic was really good because I got fourth place last year. It was the first wrestling tournament title I have ever won and it felt pretty good. My parents were really proud of me and so was my twin brother Andrew" said Thomas. Winning a tournament is extremely exciting to an athlete.

6. Freshman Matthew Asper wrestles a tough match against Patriot High School. "I was confident going against the Patriot's wrestlers and I was also a little nervous and our team lost to them the last time and I knew we had to beat them because they are our rivals. This year was a positive experience for me and it gave me good looks for next years team" said Asper. Patriot was the team to beat, and that was exactly what these bobcats planned to do.

7. Junior Jake Munies and senior Caleb Peltzer wrestle at practice to learn new moves. "I started wrestling in high school and became a District Champ, got third at Regionals, and then got to go to States all in my senior year. I think wrestling in high school was a really good experience" said Peltzer. Being on a team sport in high school was a good experience and helped athletes learn to compromise and make one another push themselves to be their best.

# Pin The Wrestling Match

Wrestlers work extremely hard, they all want that one thing; to win States. Winning States is an honor that the team would forever hold and keep with them. Battlefield was lucky enough to have trained and sent boys who placed or gone to States for wrestling. Junior Justus Weaver believed that going to States was a good learning experience for him. "Going to States makes me feel really accomplished with my performance that I did throughout the year," said Weaver. Giving their all to the things they love was the reasons that the Bobcats continued to be so successful.

For freshman Ray Bernott, being on varsity wrestling means he could against an opponent who had more experience than he, because they were in a higher grade, or had been on varsity longer. But he felt that going against the older wrestlers helped him get better. "When I wrestle a more experienced wrestler it motivates me to do better. If I messed up or ever lost a match I would learn from the mistakes I had made," said Bernott. Even though it is an honor to be on varsity as a freshman, there are some struggles they had to deal with. But in the long run, Bernott is ahead of the game.

Injuries also took a toll in this rough sport. Junior Lee Ferrill II felt the pain of not being able to complete districts. "I felt like I let the team down, but I will be back and better for next season" said Ferrill. Also, freshman Roberto Aguilar knew exactly what it felt like to not be able to push through the pain. "I am going to get better this season," and hopefully come back stronger and better for next year" said Aguilar. All the passion and love that came with the sport also has pain, tears, and injuries. In the end it is a win-win situation; pin the match.



# You Balked

## Varsity Baseball

The Varsity Baseball team started off the season strong with a win against Forest Park High School. Led by seniors **Matt Conway**, **Daniel Tavenner**, **Jt Belotti**, **Blaine Varley**, **John Agnos**, **Charlie Husser**, and **James Westfall** the Bobcats competed in a spring break tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The boys went 4-1 taking second place out of sixteen teams total in the championship game. Junior **Nick Feight** looked forward to going to the playoffs and being able to call himself a "State Champion," and believed that Coach **Burkhart** would take them all the way. Coach expected nothing less than their best, and to ensure team dedication, success, and devotion the Bobcats condition and train year-round.

Luckily for Coach the boys were as dedicated and driven to win as he was and were more than willing to condition and train during the off-seasons. Sophomore **Josh Flaherty** believed that the work they put in together off the field would work in their favor because the stronger the bond they had on the field. The Bobcats would continue to dominate every diamond they came in contact with.

~Imani Key

1. Junior **Joe Williams** cocks back to release the first pitch of the game against the Stafford Indians. As the starting pitcher the pressure is on but Williams does not let that affect his game. He is always ready to throw a few strikes across the plate.

2. Senior **John Belotti** prepares to hit and make contact with the ball. The power he puts behind his hits allows the ball to soar. After the hit, **Belotti** turned on the wheels to get around the bases.

3. Junior **Steven Kraft** makes a risky steal to third base and slides in safe. Being the lead-off batter **Kraft's** job is to get on base as fast as possible so the later more powerful hitters can bring in a run. Getting around the bases is no problem for **Kraft** because of his speed and reaction time.

4. Senior **Matt Conway** darts down the base line after hitting an exciting ball to outfield. Although **Conway** is not the most powerful hitter he got his bat out in front of him and swings with full force.

5. Sophomore **Josh Flaherty** throws the ball to first after the batter hit a strong ball to third base. Being the only sophomore on the varsity team **Flaherty** lives up to the pressure. He understands that by being a sophomore starter on the varsity team he will have a better chance at playing college ball.

6. Senior **Blaine Varley** walks back to first base after hitting a solid left field ball and rounding for second. **Varley's** strong base hit allowed his lead-off batter to move into scoring position. He hopes to play college ball and maybe even in the MLB.







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1. Freshmen **Keegan McGinnis** catches a ground ball at second. The Bobcats get an out on two and prevent the runner from advancing. Speed is a necessity for the short stop, because he controls the field.
2. Freshmen **Oakley Herrewig** back peddles behind second base to catch a pop fly. Both the varsity and junior varsity players did work-outs specifically for fly balls which are over their heads. Coach Burkhardt was proud to see the players implement the skill in games.
3. The assistant coach laughs at one of the players for an error during the warm up. The team was close on a personal level where they could joke around making comments without hurting a teammate's feelings. Humor brought the team together and eased tension and uncomfortable situations while in the dugout or on the field.
4. Freshmen **Robert East, Oakley Herrewig**, and sophomore **Jonathon Gill** stand with heads bowed during the national anthem. The boys waited anxiously to begin the game and score some runs. The National Anthem is appropriate for America's favorite past time, and was traditionally played before each game.
5. Sophomore **Matt Scott** puts full power into his swing. He made contact with the ball and put it into play. After a solid hit **Scott** sprinted down the base line.
6. Freshmen **Jake Agnos** rounds first base and looks at the pitcher. After a walk to first **Agnos** looked at his third base coach for the steal sign. Taking a lead from the base made the 90 foot run shorter.

Success is the product of hard work and dedication. Putting a hundred and ten percent of effort into games, practices, and trainings at all times is a requirement for success in baseball. The JV Bobcats practiced for three hours everyday after school with the varsity team. Learning new skills, working on throwing, catching, pitching, and speed. Speed was important when making that 90 feet sprint from base to base. Freshmen **Harold Marte** stated "All of our training and hard work will all be worth it after we beat Patriot."

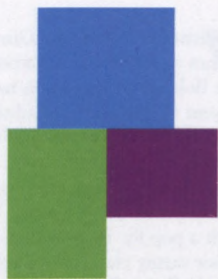
Everyone on the team agreed that the last game of the season against Patriot High school would be the biggest rivalry game and that Battlefield would come out on top. The players on both JV and Varsity admired and looked up to Coach Burkhardt for his passion for the sport, and his ability to Coach and instruct in a calm manner. Led by their coach, the Bobcats hoped to make it to states and have a great season.

~Imani Key

# Full Count

## Junior Varsity Baseball



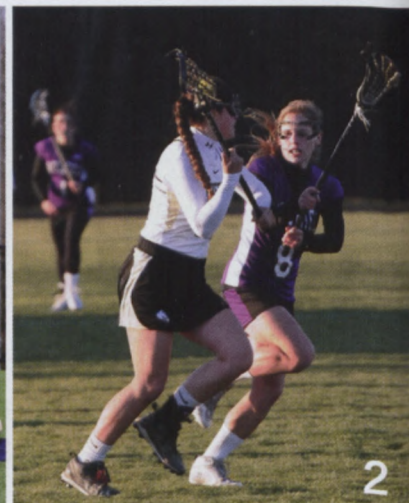


# Lax For Life

## Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Lacrosse was a sport that many Battlefield students looked forward to attending during the spring. Sophomore **Kristin Gobbi** said, "Our team is the definition of teamwork and we constantly work together to win." The teammates knew it was essential to work together and become friends to have a successful year. Junior **Madi Sunderland** said, "Before every game we all get together and go to Tony's Pizza to bond, to talk about our fears, and to figure out our game plan." Some of the teammates even had their own mottoes that they followed. Sophomore **Arion Pierre** said her motto was "As a goalie it is necessary to establish a "fish-like" memory because fish are known to lose their memory every 3-5 seconds. So forget the mistakes you have made and learn from them because it will effect you throughout the game." To some girls Lacrosse became their life. Senior **Kolbi Doss** said, "I started my sophomore year and I quit everything for it. This team became my best friends so I do not know what I am going to do next year without them." They all worked hard throughout the season and all their work paid off in the end.

~Mikayla Kyle



1. Senior **Sierra DeBord**, Junior **Madi Sunderland**, and Freshman **Shea Swingle** preparing for an upcoming game at practice. The girls had to work through drills that are essential to the success of the team. Although the practices were tedious, the girls knew they had to perfect their skills to accomplish their goal.

2. Senior Captain **Faith Wells** fights back against the opposing team. The team encouraged one another and had a successful game. With all of the team support they became a family.

3. The team's goalie, Sophomore **Arion Pierre**, is waiting for the attack from the opposing team. Being a goalie is a huge role. The goalies worked extra hard on their technique because every move counted.

4. The team got together at the end of their game and became a circle to show their bond. Each team member could rely on each other anytime for support. The bond they had led them to an amazing, successful, and unforgettable season.



### Forever a Team

Last year the team was made up of all different skill levels and this year the team seemed to have a more balanced skill level. Senior **Annmarie Lutz** said, "I think that this year we are a more balanced team and we don't have to rely on one player. We all trust each other and work together as a team more than all the years I've been playing." This year the girls became more than just individuals playing a sport they all loved, they became a team and a family that worked together to accomplish their team goals.

Photo Credit: Victor O'Neil







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### Hard Work Pays Off

Sophomore Hannah Riddle has played lacrosse for five years, and this was her first year with the Lady Bobcats. This was the first year that Riddle was able to try out for the team, after moving here from New York. "The team has worked together very well, and I have seen great team bonding," said Riddle. Riddle plays Middle A-Wing which is an offensive attack position. "I like to be involved in the action and I get to score and help others score as well."

1. Sophomore **Alexis Kirby** catches the lacrosse ball thrown by another team member. The team held their own against a strong defense. If they hadn't worked together they would have been far less successful.

2. Freshman **Courtney Perkins** picks up the lacrosse ball. The girls had to learn how to control their sticks and learn new skills. They had put these skills to the test every game they played.

3. Junior "Dottie" **Sardat Al-Saray** looks for an open team member to pass the ball to. During practices the girls had to practice throwing back and forth to one another to perfect the skill. Players work to look together to find an open player.

4. Sophomore **Stephanie Hickman** tries to keep the ball from the opposing teammate. The girls encouraged one another every game they had. Sportsmanship became a big deal to them through the season because they wanted to come out on top together.



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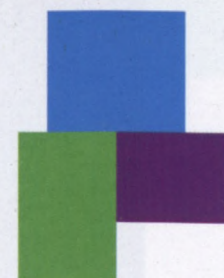
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Girls JV Lacrosse faced a few challenges this year. Over half of their team were freshman and for some of them it was their first year playing. Freshman **Brittany Ullman** said, "It's my first year playing Lacrosse and I wasn't interested until I noticed that my neighbor plays it. I just found it interesting and I wanted to challenge myself with something new." Like the Varsity team, their team worked together and became a close-knit group. Freshman **Sydney Williams** said, "Our team is a huge family that just wants to work together to accomplish our goals." Throughout practices and games they had a few ups and downs but Sophomore **Hannah Riddle** said, "The team is always supportive whether you do something right or wrong as long as you're trying your best." Win or lose they worked hard together and created friendships that will last a lifetime.

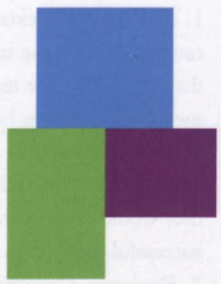
~Mikayla Kyle

## Girls JV Lacrosse

# Toss and Cross







# Work Hard Play Hard

## Boys JV Lacrosse

Each year a new group of students became a part of Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team. They met the older boys on the team, and worked with them to better their skills. "We feel very comfortable with each other on and off the field," commented freshman **Todd Lloyd**.

The boys enjoyed lacrosse for many reasons, "I like the aggression, fast pace, and all the scoring," explained sophomore **CJ Hyer**. As they worked together, their games improved and they saw success on the field. The JV team trained hard throughout the entire season, and really progressed their skills.

~ Kelly McGillivray

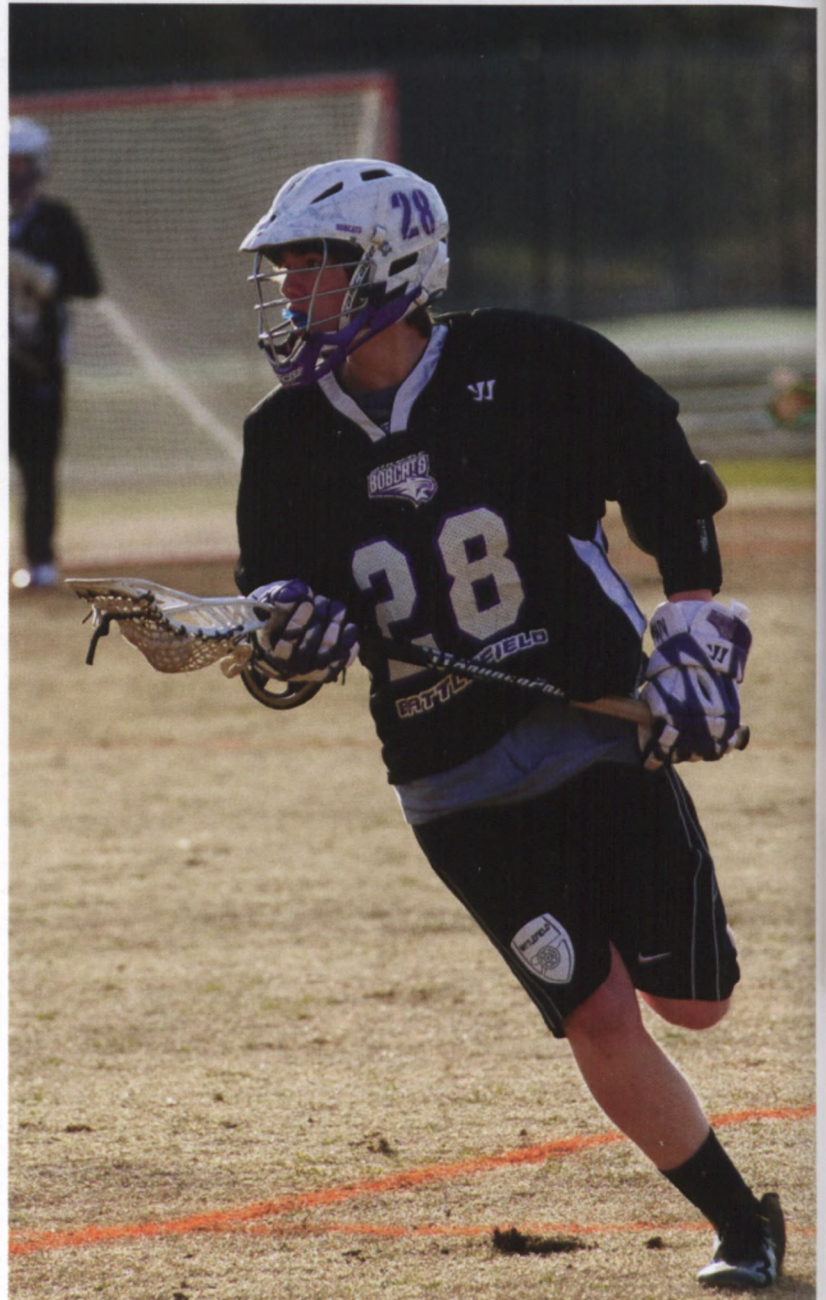
1. The boys shake hands at the end of the game. The team played one of their first games against Stonewall Jackson High School and won. They demonstrated good sportsmanship no matter if the won or lost.

2. Sophomore **Mitchell Wright** reaches to grab a ground ball headed his way. Practices often included executions of different plays. The boys learned what they needed to do in different situations.

3. Freshman **Connor Harris** racing to help his teammates retrieve the ball. It was one of his first games ever in high school. The boys were extremely alert at games, leading to success on the field.



Freshman **Parker Baddley** from the varsity team practiced a play against sophomore **Kyle Challberg** from the JV team. The JV and Varsity team often had overlapping practices. This pushed junior varsity to play at the same level as varsity, and it really made the team a lot stronger.







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Many of the seniors had planned on continuing their careers. The seriousness of the sport went beyond high school, and some of the boys had already signed to colleges where they would be playing lacrosse. Senior **Ryan Keenan**, for example had signed to play lacrosse at Limestone college.

1. Senior **Hunter Surface** blocking the opposing team from retrieving the ball. The boys worked really hard to defend against Stonewall. The entire game was a hustle against the other team in order to win.

2. Senior **Patrick Gough** produces a play that they had rehearsed in practice. The teams' practices always proved their importance during games as their strategy played out well. They worked exceptionally hard to master their moves.

3. Senior **Cameron Maples** and junior **Austin Edwards** practice a mock play that could potentially be preformed between two teams. Practices were extremely intense for the varsity players. The boys had to imagine that they were truly on other teams to make practices as real as possible.

4. Senior **Hunter Surface** rushes to get the ball before senior **Brian Eybers**. **Surface** dove ferociously for the ball as it bounced off the ground. Practice made the boys ready for anything.



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Every year a coalition of shaggy haired boys who shared an interest and talent in lacrosse came together to create a winning team. The team grew into a family, practicing for long hours and working together to improve their skill set.

Although the team had many returning players, they also welcomed new members. Freshman **Parker Baddley**, who managed to make the varsity team, said "The guys goof off with me and play around, they also respect me and acknowledge the fact that I deserve to be on the team." The team had traditions that helped keep them together, such as growing out their hair during the season.

"Lacrosse has taught me many things. Among them are self discipline, team work, perseverance, and friendship," commented senior **Cameron Maples**.

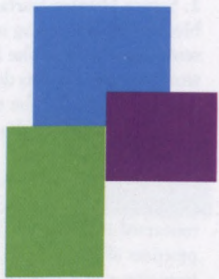
~ Kelly McGillivray

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## Boys Varsity Lacrosse







# Just Kickin' It

## Girls JV Soccer

A new set of determined young girls took on the 2013 soccer season. Teamwork and unity played a crucial role at the beginning of the year as the girls got to know each other and learned how to flow as a team. They looked forward to learning each other's strengths and weaknesses, and how they could best perfect their style of play. "Joining a new team has been a great experience, everyone is so welcoming and learning to work together is a nice challenge for our team," freshman **Carissa Reese** explained. The hard work these girls put in was displayed throughout their performances each week. "It's great seeing all the hard work we've put in as a team paying off," **Reese** continued. The Lady Bobcats prepared to play at the next level as the train for next season!

~ Rachel Kerxton

1. Freshman **Elizabeth Wheeler** fills up her water bottle after an intense play. Wheeler received critique from **Coach Coughlin** and words of encouragement from her teammates. The girls cheered on their team and waited patiently to enter the game.

2. Sophomore **Jordan Robson** leaves a Forest Park defender in her dust. **Robson's** quick foot skills allowed her to accelerate down the field and set up the next play. The Battlefield offense could not be stopped, displaying a 1-0 lead at the end of the first half.

3. Head Coach **Tim Coughlin** evaluates the game during a half time speech. The team listened attentively as he offered ways to improve their performance. The Bobcats kept a positive attitude and prepared to take on the second half of the game.

4. Freshman **Kellie Burns** sprints down the field. She positioned herself to receive a pass from a nearby teammate. **Burns'** endurance and agility allowed her to keep up with the speed of play throughout the game.







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Seniors Alexa Wagoner, Bri Toelle, and Taylor Kerxton participated in National Signing Day on Wednesday, February 6th. Wagoner, a center midfielder, plans to attend Iona College in New York, while Toelle, a forward, will attend Iowa State University. Kerxton, a goalkeeper, will attend Wake Forest University in North Carolina. "My decision was easy. I always knew I wanted to play in the ACC because it is one of the most competitive conferences," Kerxton shared. All three student-athletes have contributed to the success of the team this season.

1. Senior **Bri Toelle** races past her opponent to attempt Battlefield's first goal of the game. The strong Broad Run defense challenged the Bobcats and made for a very quick speed of play. Team unity and focus was a crucial aspect of this tough game.
2. The Lady Bobcats round up for a pre-game huddle before taking on Forest Park. Coach **Hilton**, known for his words of encouragement, gathered his team for a pep talk. His inspiring words, along with the fortitude of the team, helped them gain an emotional 2-1 victory over Forest Park high school.
3. Junior **Lexi Moylan** challenges a Forest Park defender. Moylan's quick ball movement and control allowed her to surpass the opponent. The Battlefield offense showed up to play as they took home a double-overtime win.
4. Junior **Colleen Gawkins** congratulates senior **Sarai Arbus** after scoring an impressive goal. This dynamic duo played an important role in the Bobcat offense throughout the season. Both girls contributed to the success of the team, as well as their teammates during the season.



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The Girls Varsity Soccer team kicked off their season in early March, where they trained and played through the cold and wintry weather conditions. They prepared for their upcoming matches through extensive practices each day, as well as participating in numerous scrimmages against local high schools. Expecting a tough season, the girls remained confident and ready to work hard. "We knew that the season started off with a challenging schedule and with our team's high expectations, we had to put a lot of work into pre-season," senior **Alexa Wagoner** expressed. After playing against the top competition in Northern Virginia, as well as road games to Virginia Beach and Richmond, where they defeated last year's State Champions, the team managed to grow and progress immensely throughout the season!

~ Rachel Kerxton

# Joga Bonito

## Girls Varsity Soccer





# “Heading” To The Varsity Boys Soccer Top

This year's team dedicated their season to their team manager, **Rachel Augustine**. The sport of soccer requires an incredible amount of work and determination. To achieve the team's dedication to a glorious season, they practiced harder, and pushed themselves with greater determination than ever before. Senior **Liam Hogan** said, “There are ups and downs, but its great for my senior year because were coming together.” Because of their renewed devotion, winning became a regular thing. Junior **Matt O'Brien** said, “I play because I love it, it's fun and winning is fun.” Being able to conquer challenging and exhausting practices, while also overcoming many obstacles, allowed the team to secure a successful season.

~Katherine Irwin

1. The team participates in many foot skill drills each day. This helped with learning one touch passing, to make for a more competitive game. They hoped to achieve better control and quicker ball movement.

2. Senior **Alfonso Mendez** puts one in the back of the net. His quick drive towards the goal allowed him to beat the keeper and secure a lead for the Bobcats. Mendez was a key aspect of the team's offense.

3. Senior **Brian Potts** drives down the field. He surpassed opposing defenders and prepared to set up the next play. This gave his teammates the opportunity to get into position and potentially receive a cross or pass.

4. Senior **Jack Kulick** challenges a defender in the air. He won the header and was able to keep possession for his team. Kulick's aggressive nature allowed him to win many 50-50 balls.



Senior **Conner Lee** manages to not only play varsity soccer, but participates in a variety of other activities. Lee said, “I've been on varsity for three years and I've really enjoyed it. It's been a blast.” Lee also hopes to do intramural soccer at Virginia Tech. He has proved to be successful in cross country running and track, became an active member of National Honor Society, and managed to maintain a 4.3 GPA. Lee is the true definition of a student-athlete.





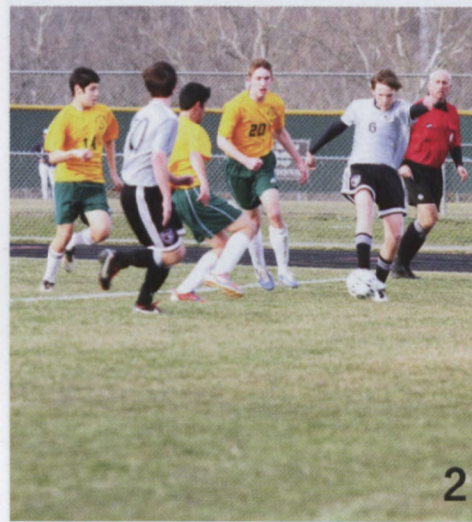


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As a sophomore, Chad Mateer continued his soccer career. "I like playing soccer because it's a stress reliever," Mateer explained. He has been playing the sport for his entire life. Mateer also plays travel soccer for VSA Heat, in addition to being a member of the Battlefield squad. He hoped by playing soccer he would be feared by all of his opponents. He continued to push towards this goal throughout the season.

1. The team works together to try to regain possession of the ball. The boys exercised communication in their attempt to challenge the opponent. They exerted great pressure on the ball in hopes to regain control of the game.



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2. Sophomore Gordon Bradley pushed past the opposing defenders. He looked for a pass to his supporting teammate. Bradley was able to remain calm and controlled under the intense pressure.

3. Junior Haydon Parham continues to push forward away from the other team. He looked down field, prepared to set up the next play. Parham's speed and control allowed him to keep possession of the ball.

4. Sophomore Matt Asper dribbles the ball down field. He looked to find an open teammate. The Bobcats set up a quick counter-attack after regaining possession of the ball.



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The boys put their blood, sweat, and tears into this past soccer season. Not only did being on the soccer team keep the boys active, but it also pushed them to meet new people and form their soccer family. Junior Matthew Apser said, "Being on a team is exciting because it gives me confidence, and keeps me motivated."

The team worked hard learning different drills and techniques. They showed commitment by putting great effort and time into practices each day after school. The team continued to work and improve their strength, many of its members looking forward to moving to varsity soccer next season.

~Katherine Irwin

# Alive and Kickin'

## JV Boys Soccer







# Girls Diamonds Are A Best Friend

## Varsity Softball

The Varsity Softball Team prepared for and played an amazing season. The girls hard work at practice, and that effort was evident during their games. Junior **Jessica Javier** said, "Everyone's really supportive of each other and we work hard." The girl's hard work and dedication to the game showed every time they stepped up to the plate.

Senior **Julia Allegro** said, "We are looking good for the season, we have a lot of strong athletes." Preparing for a game can be stressful, junior **Samantha Brosnahan** cooled her nerves by "Usually playing some of my favorite music to get pumped up. Ultimately I just remember to have fun because that's the reason I play." The girls were excited for the season.

~Emma Wedemeyer

1. Junior **Ruthie Martin**, eye on the ball, starts her swing to hit the ball and advance to first base. The girls worked on their hitting during practice to ensure that they were successful during the game. Once on home plate the girls faced the opposing teams pitcher and prepare to swing when she throws.



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2. Senior **Meagan Witham** throws the ball to first base in attempt to get the runner out. During a game the girls had to be always on their toes in case the ball is hit their way. The girls relied on their instincts and fundamentals to get the job done.

3. The girls stand and listen as Coach Schelzo instructs what they will be doing for practice. Some of the girls practiced hitting drills in the batting cages. Other girls ran out to the outfield and work on catching and throwing.

4. Sophomore **Alexis Champion** standing on first base, gets a pep talk from Coach Russian during a game. The varsity team had several coaches who helped, taught, and prepared the girls to do their very best in each game. **Champion** said, "The biggest difference between JV and Varsity is to be able to play and face upperclassmen who have been playing for along time."



Junior **Morgan Rinehart's** hard work finally paid off when she committed to Gorge Washington University to play softball earlier in the school year.

**Morgan** was dedicated, and played ever since she was little. **Morgan** said "I'm really excited to play softball in college, I have worked hard." During practice **Morgan** gave one hundred percent so she could play her best during games.



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Freshman Pitcher **Erica Blaine's** hard work in practice has shown in games. Blaine has been playing softball "Since I was six and i play on a travel team." Being the team's only pitcher Blaine was under a lot of pressure and felt stress. In order to overcome this, she kept calm and reminded herself to "Relax and think about fundamentals." During practice **Blaine** stayed focused and gave guidance for throwing and hitting to her teammates. She said that her inspiration "Is Coach Russian because he gives great advice for becoming a better pitcher".

**1.** Freshmen first basemen **Aden Wooliever** attempts to catch the ball thrown in by teammate to get the runner out. During practice the girls ran infield drills so they were prepared for every situation. Being a first basemen was an important position, and **Wooliever** took it very seriously..

**2.** Freshman **Taylor Fisher** practices her hitting using a tee. During practice the girls worked on their hitting technique by going to different stations each working on a different aspect of hitting. The girls spent time doing hitting drills to improve themselves in the game.



**3.** The girls warm up their arms by throwing to their partners. In the beginning of practice the girls ran a lap, stretched, and then warmed up their arms to throw. When warming up the girls began throwing close to one another and then gradually threw at a farther distance.

**4.** The Infield players come together during a time out. During a time out the infielders discuss things they need to fix in the game or cheer each other up. The outfielders met in center field and also discussed the game.



The JV softball team faced new challenges including a new coach and a new team this year. The new freshmen on the team were excited to play this year. Freshman **Shelby-Rose Harris** said, "The girls are more mature in high school softball, and there is more competition. Also the practices are more intense." Another Freshman **Anna Craig** said that she was "excited for this season, because we have a really good group of girls. Coach Johnson is really nice. I think we have a lot of potential talent on the team." Many girls conditioned hard for the upcoming season like Sophomore **Morgan Burner**. **Burner** said, "I started doing indoor training ever since softball ended last year, and I have been going to the gym working out." The girls were well prepared and excited for the season.

- Emma Wedemeyer

In It <sup>To</sup> Win It JV Softball



# Serving An Ace

## Boys Tennis

Tennis is a tough sport, but has often been considered to be a game of the mind. A player must be mentally tough to be a successful player. "My favorite thing about tennis is the challenge of trying to defeat your opponent; it's like a mind game," said junior **Neal Dora**. Being mentally tough is a challenge, especially if the opponent may be a former teammate or a friend. "My hardest match was with my fellow teammate **Keonhee Cho**. He is my good friend and also one of my rivals," said junior **Eugene Pak**. The fact that the sport could be played in singles or doubles made the game interesting. Playing independently gave the player a chance to show off their individuality and reach personal goals.

This year's team brought new talent, freshman **Darian Diaz**. He reflected on tennis, "I've been playing for six years traveling around the country in tournaments. I'm actually ranked 25th in the nation." Tennis gave the opportunity for one to succeed independently or with the help of their teammates.

1. Freshman **Thi Dao** gets ready to receive the ball from his opponent. Defense required the player to always be on their toes and anticipate where their opponent was going to place the ball. Speed was also necessary to get to a ball that was put on the other side of the court.

2. Senior **Aleco Reynolds** serves the ball to his opponent. The serving component of the game was mainly focused, because if a player couldn't get a serve over the net they gave a free point to the opposing court. By working and practicing all season **Reynolds** developed a tough serve that he could use as an advantage over his opponent.

3. Freshman **Darian Diaz** serves a tough ball to the player on the opposing side of the court. Mastery of the serve was a major focus with the team throughout the season; being able to serve a fierce ball to the opposing side gave the player an opportunity to gain points. **Diaz** was able to place the ball in difficult positions so that his opponent had a hard time receiving the ball which helped him to win valuable matches throughout the season.

4. Junior **Eugene Park** plays the ball over the net. In order for a player to win the game they had to be able to play and deliver tough balls to their opponent. "Even though I've only played for a year I enjoy the game very much," said **Park**.



### Coach's Words

Through a season of growing and learning Coach **Steve Finch** had nothing but positive things to say about the team. "Our team has improved well past my expectations," said **Finch**. Although practices may have been tough and difficult for the players the hard work put in everyday eventually paid off for the boys. The most important reminder **Finch** had before a match was to remember the basics and fundamentals. Reflecting on the season **Finch's** final and most important lesson to the boys was to "win with class and lose with class."

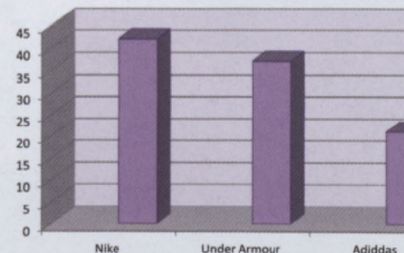






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## Preferred Athletic Brands



1. Sophomore **Vanessa Nates** tries to play the ball over the net. Agility was a key factor in the game, because the player had to be able to put the ball back even in tough positions. **Nates** exemplified her mastery of the skill throughout the season.

2. Sophomore **Nicole Miletsky** serves the ball to her opponent. The serve had to be consistent so the player had the chance to gain points. **Miletsky** learned the basic skill and was able to keep up her consistency during game time.

3. Sophomore **Kelly Hedquist** prepares for serve. Considering her years of experience, the sophomore had more knowledge on how the game had to be played. "I've been playing tennis since I was six years old," said **Hedquist**.

4. Junior **Anna Hong** prepares to receive the ball from her opponent. The player had to be ready to defend their side of the court and take advantage of offensive opportunities. "This is my first year on a team, and I really enjoy it," said **Hong**.



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The girls team gained many new players and returning players this season. Though there were many girls who were previously on the team, the newcomers had to earn their place on the team. "I really enjoy it, at first I thought I'd suck but the team really boosts your self esteem," said junior **Anna Hong**. The fact that the girls all got along and helped each other led to great chemistry on and off the court. "The most enjoyable part about matches are playing doubles," said junior **Lauren Brown**. Many of the players wanted to join so they could compete competitively or to just better their all around game. It really helped the team to have goals as a team as well as personal goals. "My goal for the season is to make it to Districts," said sophomore **Kelly Hedquist**. The determination and chemistry within the team gave them an enjoyable and successful season.

~ Courtney Key

# Your Strengths Playing Girls Tennis







1. Seniors **Kristin Loehle** and **Nicole Carter** are joined by teammates junior **Ellie Grove** and sophomore **Jordan Dobak** while running the 800. The 800 was a difficult event for these girls as it is in between both long distance and a sprint. **Grove** and **Carter** won both first and second place with **Loehle** and **Dobak** not far behind.

2. The boys varsity team hold a strong lead as they run the mile at the Patriot-Stonewall meet. Senior **Brandon Lee** won this event for the Battlefield team. Sophomore **Robert Drummond** said "Good accomplishments always come to those who work hard."



3. Sophomore **Sean Cephus** takes position before the 100 meter dash takes place. **Cephus** ran track in the spring to stay in shape for the upcoming football season. **Cephus** said "Running the 100 meter dash is a huge adrenaline rush and takes a lot of concentration."

4. Freshman **Kyla Carte** runs the 400 meter dash at the Patriot-Stonewall meet on March 20th. **Carte** was only a freshman on the Battlefield Varsity track team and worked harder than most. **Carte** placed second in the 400 meter dash with an impressive time of 1:03:00h.







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# Ready! Set! GO!

## Outdoor Track



As the runners lined up, the jumpers stretched and the throwers got into the zone, the 2013 track season began. Members of the track team worked harder than ever this season to come out on top. Being a part of the Battlefield track team was not always about running but also about working together and bonding as a team. Sophomore **Sean Cephus** said "The best part about track is meeting new people at track meets and becoming better friends with my teammates."

"I love the family aspect of the team" mentioned junior shot putter **Daniel Garcia**. Most athletes had stories behind their reasoning for participating in their chosen sport. Sophomore **Matthew Tschida** said "I started loving running when I realized it was pretty much the only sport I was good at. When I run I feel like I'm doing something right."

Just like any other sports team, the track team's goal for this season is to beat rival team, Patriot High School in Districts. In addition to the team goal, each individual track member had their own goals for the season in mind. Sophomore **Suzannah Stark** said "My goals for this season is that I hope we work harder as a team to become better." With the determination, dedication and hard work, they ended the season with many victories, reached their goals and built bonds that would last long after the season ended.

~ Madeline Laycock



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# Erin Buchanan



Senior **Erin Buchanan** was one of the few gymnasts determined to make it to college gymnastics. **Buchanan** was offered four full scholarships to NC State, GW, Illinois, and UNH. Deciding what school to accept had to be a challenge for the senior. "I had to look at academics for what I wanted to study and the coaches as well as the team," said **Buchanan**. Considering all those elements, **Buchanan** decided to attend the University of Illinois. Although she had intentions to play for the school team her senior year, **Buchanan's** college coach thought otherwise. "My college coach wanted to ensure that I'd be healthy for the next year," said **Buchanan**. Ranked 18th in the nation, **Buchanan** wanted to be more cautious about the chance of injury. **Buchanan** concluded with, "You have to make sacrifices, but in the end it's all worth it."

The boys varsity basketball team made history in their past season. They worked incredibly hard and practiced every single day. Their practices consisted of skill drills that worked on their offense and defense. The team said a prayer before each game in hopes that it would help them play better, both individually and as a team. They were very excited and proud to attend the State Quarter Finals for the very 1st time in Battlefield history.



## Boys Varsity Basketball

# Golf

The All District team consisted of Junior **Khushboo Thiagaraj**, Junior **Nate Morrison**, Junior **Thomas Fricke**, and Senior **Nick Kwon**. All of these golfers started at a young age, making them the stars they were throughout the season. Junior **Thiagaraj** said, "It's a lifestyle, It's a part of me, I can't not golf." The sport was individual and team oriented. Team members wanted to do well for their own personal goals, but the team score was based on everyone's performance. In the end the team came out as 3rd in states. Junior **Morrison** was very hopeful and confident to go for the gold next year.



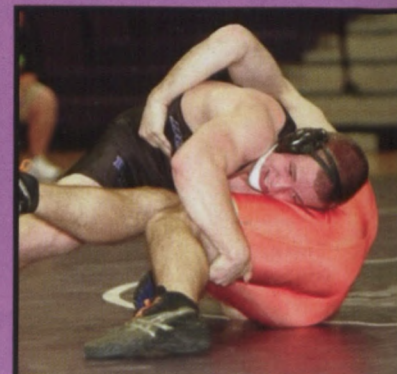
# Alexa Wagoner



Senior **Alexa Wagoner** was a star on the girls varsity soccer team and VSA travel. She played mostly center, middle, and on occasion center back. **Wagoner** picked up soccer at the age of 4 and played ever since. She signed to play with Iona, a school in New York. **Wagoner** said "It is different to leave the people I have been playing with my whole life but I am looking forward to the change."

# Alex & Andrew Thomas

**Alex and Andrew Thomas** have been wrestling since they were 11 years old. They started because their dad wanted them to, but then they ended up liking it. Aside from having wrestled for the school, they wrestled for Birds O' Prey (BOP) in Fauquier County. They liked wrestling outside of school because the new competition made them better. They both planned to wrestle for George Mason University. They also looked forward to training with Johnny Curtis (MMA Fighter), Jason Spez (Ex-GMU Wrestler), and Brian Shaffer (Ex-GMU Head Coach). The wrestling team ended up winning 2nd in Districts, 5th in Regions, and 3rd in Battle at the Bridge.





## Brandon Dukeman

Senior **Brandon Dukeman** came to school to sign for Virginia Military Academy. **Dukeman** was a member of the Varsity Football team for four years, and was part of the team who won the State Championship in 2010. He planned to play football and start his career in federal security. **Dukeman** stated, "I am really excited and looking forward to future challenges."



# Hustle, Hit, & Never Quit

## Sports Champions

All the athletic bobcats made new friendships, new goals, new accomplishments, and even made some dreams come true. With winning championships to senior signings they were all champions, as a team and individually. These accomplishments came from chasing dreams and working together as a team. Like Muhammad Ali said, "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them: A desire, a dream, a vision."

Other senior signings include: **Hannah Radhi**, **Taylor Kerxton**, **Ryan Swingle**, **Cameron Maples**, **Bri Toelle**, **Faith Wells**, **Nicole Carter**, **Jack Taylor**, **Tori Clark**, **Jessi Whaley**, **Nick Newman**, and **Ryan Keenan**.

~Megan Riedl

## Gymnastics

The bobcat gymnasts won big during their previous season. They came out on top as Cedar Run District Champs, Regional Runner Up, and 5th in States. To compete in this sport it took as much mental preparation as it did physical. Practices were held everyday where the team practiced new skills until they were consistent enough to put into routines. Senior **Elena Patchan** said, "It's something I love to do with all my friends and I like performing for a crowd."



## Cross Country

No matter how individual a sport may seem, there is always a family aspect to it. Senior **Whitney Burns** said, "I like cross country because it's more of a team than track, you get to spend more time together." Running long distances took much motivation and practice. They made sure to drink a lot of water, went for long group runs, worked out together, and had two-a-days during the summer. Junior **Sabrina Poland** said, "We really are a big family or 'cult' because everyone supports each other and wants them to get better." The girls and boys teams were Cedar Run District Champs, Cedar Run District Tournament Champs, and Northwest Region Runners Up.





Seniors Casey Stein, Olivia Chan, and Madison Setnessm prepare for their DECA event. They baked goodies to sell in exchange for donations. Many clubs did events like this to help our community and make it better for everyone living in it.



# Clubs and Organizations

Helping the community in order to give back and help those in need, extending learning outside of the classroom, finding others with common interests, bonding with fellow classmates, and feeling self-fulfillment were some of the reasons that students chose to join the multitude of clubs and organizations offered at school.

Students who were involved with clubs and organizations journeyed far above and beyond the basic requirements of the clubs and organizations they joined. From the DECA Pink Out, the clean up at Silver Lake, Kids Helping Kids, to the Thanksgiving food drive, the Holiday Care Kids drive for the needy, Debate and Forensics tournaments, attending the World Championships Robotics competition, the Suicide Prevention Walk, to getting together with students who share a passion for anime, cooking, board games, health, for their religious and cultural beliefs; or coming together to celebrate their excellent academic record and interests, there was a club or organization offered for everyone.

Not only have the students and advisers who compromise these clubs and organization accomplished amazing feats, but they enjoyed doing it too.

~ Brittany Norris









## Beware the Band Room

There were absolutely no non-band kids allowed into the band room. Even if a student was in band, there were rules such as: no gum allowed. Sophomore **Brenda Macdonald** said, "Non-band kids really have no need to be in the band room, because it is used for band purposes." So if you're not in band, stay out of the band room!







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# Band, One Sound



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Music plays an important part in everyone's life, especially those who made it. Music has the power to affect emotions and the outlook on the day.

It definitely affected senior **Michael Schloss**, who said, "Music gives me inspiration." Band was a place for students to express themselves through music. It made students think in a different way and gave them a break from their strict academic schedules.

One band student who enjoyed thinking creatively was junior **Joe DuPriest**, who said, "Music influences the creative part of your brain and makes you a better person all around." Being in band took a lot of practice and commitment, but it was well worth the effort. Band taught students good values such as patience and a good work ethic. Also, most of the band kids enjoyed playing music, so they gained positive experiences as well.

Sophomore **Kila Lampert** said, "I look forward to band at the end of every purple day because it takes my mind off of the stress of school." Playing an instrument meant something different to each individual and affected everyone differently.

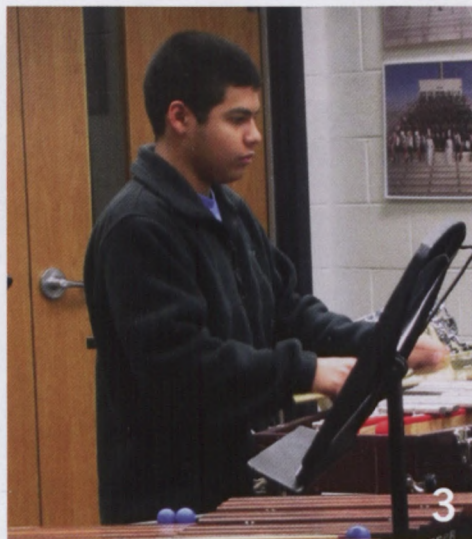
To some band was a place to immerse themselves in music, to be with friends, or to be involved in their passion, but junior **Elijah Bass** joked, "Band means a good scholarship for college." However, while band was hard work that took time, effort, and frequent practices, it was also a good time.

Most students enjoyed band a lot, such as senior **Samuel Ampomah**, who said, "I like band because it is a chance to be with people you like and experience good music." All of the band students agreed that they were glad they joined band. It gave them a chance to make friends and create amazing music.

~ Jenna Presta



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1. Sophomore **Brooke Albertson**, junior **Kevin Pfeifle**, and the rest of the clarinet section focus on their music. The section members tended to be good friends because they shared dedication and diligence. **Albertson** said, "I love all the people in my section, we're like a family."
2. **Mr. Brodt** directs his 6th period Wind Symphony class. **Brodt's** firmness and love for music helped the band to be the best. At both the winter and spring concerts, the band performed the music they had worked so hard on.
3. Junior **Daniel Gardezabal** plays the vibraphone. Percussion players had to be able to play multiple percussion instruments. They floated around to different instruments to play different parts throughout the song.
4. The trumpet section of Symphonic Band rehearses their music. All members of the Symphonic Band Class were also in Marching Band. However, not all members of Marching Band are in Symphonic Band.
5. Sophomore **Roy Watson** efficiently plays his trombone. The band was practicing for the State Assessment. "Fantasy for Band", "Hogan's Heroes March", and "Into the Storm" were the songs played by the Wind Symphony.





## “Let's sing our way out of this”

-Isabel Fraire

For **Jessica Tuzo's** senior year she was apart of Bel Conto, as well as Battlefield Singers. Jessica was handpicked to perform a festive solo during their winter concert.



She was picked because of her experience in All County, All District, and the exclusive VA Honors Choir. **Tuzo** exclaimed, “I was shocked that I was picked, I really didn't think I would get it.” For her song she had chosen “Something About December” by Christina Perri. She explained, “I wanted to do a song that was different than your traditional holiday song.” Although performing wonderfully, it did not come easily, **Tuzo** said, “The microphone didn't

work during my solo the whole time, I tried to sing louder so that I could overpower the piano.” She had said that it was a good experience regardless of the slight embarrassment. She was extremely grateful and excited that she was able to perform, having watched others take the stage for a solo since her freshman year, she could not believe that she was able to have the coveted role.



4. The Soprano section runs through their piece called Bumble Bee for the spring festival. It was a contemporary piece that served the A Capella requirement for festival. Although still part of festival, it was only their warm up piece, which meant that although they would perform it on stage, it would not be scored as a part of their assessment.

5. Bel Canto practices by doing a run-through of their piece in order to critique and fix their mistakes. The girls had to focus on fixing their dynamics and elongating their vowels. Every different piece was able to teach the girls something new by adding new terms to their musical repertoire and challenging them.



# Pitch Please!

## Chorus



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Chorus consisted of six different ensembles; Treble, Varsity, Donne Coro, Men's Choir, Bel Canto, and Battlefield Singers. Some ensembles required auditions, while some did not. No matter the class students were placed into, each class improved their singing by studying music theory, establishing audition skills, and learning how to work together and have balance while singing with others which was a skill students could use for the rest of their lives.

Each class period started with the daily ritual of warm ups, which allowed the singers to properly exercise their voices to avoid straining while they sang. Students also went over sight reading each class. This consisted of being given two minutes to study the piece and then sing it, which helped the singers learn new pieces faster, as well as prepare them for festival.

Festival required an A Capella piece, a foreign language selection, and another piece of the directors choosing. The different choirs performed their pieces on stage for the judges, then proceeded to the sight reading room to be given an example that they had to perform to the judge for another score. Afterwards, the singers all waited in their ensembles for their scores to arrive from the judges. "It feels really good to get back scores that reflect everything we have been working on during class. It makes all the nerves and hard work worth it," commented senior **Rachel DeVore**. It was always a stressful time for students, but after it ended, it was good feeling of accomplishment. If orchestra, band, and chorus each achieved a '1' during festival, Battlefield would maintain their blue ribbon status.

This year, Battlefield Singers were able to create music videos for their midterm project. The singers formed groups and picked a song. This was a fun way to showcase their musical ability and see what they could do. Chorus was built on traditions, and a fond one is Bel Canto singing "For Good," each year at graduation. The song sung each year always brought out the nostalgia for the seniors, who finally had their turn to walk across the stage, looking forward to the rest of their lives.

Senior **Mikayel Kodagolian** said, "I like chorus because I've always had a passion for music and through choir I can work with other people and create good music." Throughout the four years people committed to chorus, they formed lifelong bonds through their high school career.

~Samantha Riedl

1. The Men's choir performs at the winter concert. Senior **Mikayel Kodagolian** said, "Being a guy in chorus is good because it disciplines you and makes you a leader. It gives you the influence to help others improve so you can altogether do your best." In the winter concert, the boys performed songs including: "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "I'm Yours," and "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal."

2. Seniors **Veronica Crochet** and **Emily Argueta** assist each other in helping get ready before their winter concert. **Argueta** said, "We met through chorus and we have singing in common, throughout the years Veronica has basically become part of my family. We have created so many memories that will last us a lifetime." Spending four years together in the same choir class helped them grow as singers as well as best friends.

3. Seniors **Sarah Mitchell**, **Bethany Przybocki**, **Cayla Costello**, and **Connor Barrett** enjoy each other's company before the start of their winter concert. These four girls shared many memories together throughout their time in chorus. **Przybocki** stated, "My favorite memory over the past four years was to being able to sing in San Francisco with my friends."



# Bach In A Minuet Orchestra



Members of the Battlefield Orchestra practiced their music one last time before setting out for the stage, or to the audience. The winter concert was one of the main events where the entire orchestra performed. Orchestra was a class where students who shared common interests could play music and have fun together.

In addition to making music, they also spent time outside of class together. "We go bowling and we play games during the holidays, like gift exchanges during Christmas," said senior and cellist **Joe Min**. Activities for those in orchestra brought the students together, despite being in different classes and grades.

"The orchestra department participates in fund-raisers, an assessment, a spring trip, and an orchestra banquet at the end of the year," said violinist and senior **Gene Lee**.

Playing music in class allowed students to relieve stress from other classes. "I like it because the teacher is funny and it really educates you even though it's not a core class," said junior and violinist **Sophia Kim**. Many members are passionate about the organization. Bass player, junior **Gracia Mususa** said "I always loved music. My favorite event is the spring concert, playing in it itself is a fun activity."

Students had the opportunity to express themselves through music in class. "It's a great outlet for my creative side. I enjoy playing the cello and **Ms. Thiele** is a great teacher," exclaimed cellist and senior **Veronica Demarest**. Many students continued to take the Orchestra course for all four years of high school. Orchestra was a class in which students could create beautiful harmonies with stringed instruments and teamwork.

~ Gene Lee



1. Members of the Concert Orchestra, sophomores **Brandon Lam** (left) and **Marc Reynolds** (right) wait to play the next song. The students had fun playing music with their class mates. Piecing the music from different instruments together required the cooperation and teamwork of all the students.

2. Waiting for a signal to begin the song, members of the Concert Orchestra look up at Orchestra Director **Katherine Thiele**. The Orchestra Department is divided into four groups: Intermediate, Concert, Advanced, and Chamber. "I appreciate watching and hearing all of my students grow as people and as musicians. It's a great way to start the day," **Thiele** said.

3. Junior **Leigh Hall**, senior **Veronica Demarest**, and freshman **Hannah Morgan** (left to right) finished the finale of the Winter Concert. The four ensembles participated in the finale, in which they played the '12 days of Christmas'. Students had fun during the festive concert right before the holidays.

4. Junior **Andrew Taylor** and seniors **Joe Min** and **Christine Choi** (left to right) perform with the chamber orchestra. Members of the chamber orchestra are dedicated to playing music. Chamber is the highest ensemble of the orchestra department at Battlefield.

5. Juniors **Emma Spofford** (left) and **Sophia Kim** (right) play a piece for the Chamber ensemble. The students practiced very hard to master the challenging music. "Stress goes away when we play," **Kim** said.

## All County



For the 2012-2013 school year, some of the talented students of the Battlefield Orchestra Department tried out for and made the Senior All County Honors Orchestra. This year, Battlefield had the most participants ever. Students of all grade levels have made it into the orchestra. Freshman and cellist **Daniel Park** said "It's inspiring and it's also a learning experience. You get to meet new friends and play with them." Participating allowed

students to grow as musicians. "It's a lot of fun, you are with a full symphony instead of just a section. You're with a group of elite people who know how to play their instruments," said junior and bass player **Patrick MacGowan**. The students had the chance to play at concerts among students from other high schools in the county.







# Marketing Magic

## DECA Club

Battlefield's DECA club has been known to host many crazy events in the name of charity. Throughout the years Fashion Marketing teacher **Mrs. Smith** has inspired students to get involved in their community by hosting numerous charity events to raise money for each and every cause that came to mind. DECA was a club for entrepreneurs who wished to get a head start in the business and marketing worlds. The work of the DECA members was not limited to the community; **Mrs. Smith** took a number of students to DECA Nationals where each team of students presented an individually created marketing plan. Some competitors were involved in role play while others created a manual of their community service work. DECA Club was well respected and known by all students and staff, and many actively participated in their annual games, events, and the charity spirit week events.

Thanks to the leadership of their sponsors **Mrs. Smith**, **Mrs. Homan**, and **Mr. Martin**, DECA continued to grow in the heart of Battlefield students.

~Imani Key

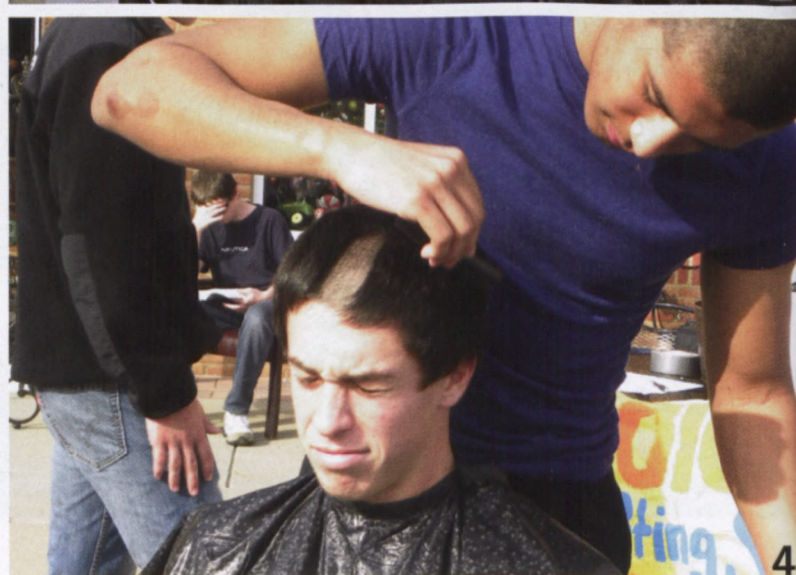
1. Senior **Zachary Kakol** waits anxiously to see his new haircut. Although it was **Kakol's** first year as a Bobcat, he surely did not have any trouble getting involved in a variety of school activities. After his haircut **Kakol** enjoyed free frozen yogurt, which was given to each participant by Kuleyo's, a local frozen yogurt place.

2. Freshmen **Zachary Stein** laughs at his decision to cut off his luscious locks after watching his friends do it before him. **Stein** felt that since his older sister and her friend were in charge of Go Bald for Bucks, an event to raise money for St Jude's Children's Hospital, that it would only be right for him to shave his head in support. He was a little hesitant at first, but grew to love his new hair but was still glad to remember that his hair would grow back fast.

3. Senior **Michael Hanlon** waits and wonders if the rest of his hair will be shaved off or if he will simply stand out in the crowd. **Hanlon** decided that after cutting a number of heads of hair that he had nothing to lose by getting his head shaved as well. His real haircut motivation was the free fro-yo from the Gobbi family.

4. Senior **Ricardo Aguilar** cuts the rest of friend senior **Thomas Brady's** hair after **Brady** felt the need to run the clippers down the middle of his head. The boys are participating in a DECA event to raise money for charity. This event was perfect for **Aguilar**, as he was practicing and training to become a licensed barber.

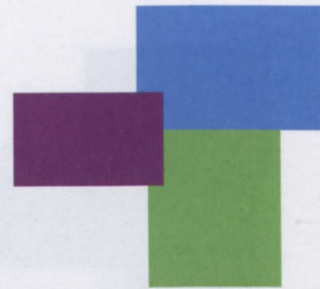
Go Bald for Bucks was part of Madison Setness and Casey Stein's Kids Helping Kids manual to benefit St. Jude's.





# Selfless Acts

## Key Club



Key Club was run by the young adults who desired to better their community and the lives of those in it through donating their free time. Sophomore **Gabriela Tobar** stated "Community service has always grabbed my attention and I love helping out; it's just a fun thing to do."

Thanks to the generosity of numerous teachers throughout the month of December, Key Club officers were able to provide the children of underprivileged families with gifts. The Key Club received an overwhelming amount of gifts, including large items such as doll houses and necessities such as clothing; thanks to the generous gifts from teachers and students alike.

Key Club members not only participated in seasonal donation drives, but in various other events throughout the school year. The club members and their chaperones attended an annual district convention in Baltimore, Maryland, called DCON, where they attended workshops on leadership and service, and learned how to volunteer in their communities by serving others.

"Key Club is a club dedicated to volunteering and spending your time in the right place," stated junior **Samantha Lebling** who joined the club for the first time this year. **Lebling** took her volunteer work outside of the school when she volunteered at the Rainbow Riding Center to assist in the development of therapeutic riding skills for special needs children.

Throughout the year, Key Clubbers looked for ways that they could help in their community, and took one moment at a time to leave a lasting impact.

~Imani Key



1. Freshmen **Justine Marie Suegay** and Junior **Jessica Son** work together to load all of the bags of toys into another Key Club member's trunk. Each bag of toys was donated to give a child a phenomenal Christmas. **Suegay** joined Key Club because she wanted to be active in her community service.

2. Senior **Hayley Bumgardner** and Juniors **Kateland Rojanavongse** and **Gracis Mususa** exit Key Club sponsor Ms. Starkey's room. The girls led the way to the to where the bags would be kept until loaded into the car. Carrying two or three bags each, they hurried to get them safely to the school door so that the presents could be delivered in time for the holidays.

3. A student's car is packed with dozens of toys for underprivileged children. Key Club members asked each teacher around the school if they wanted to sponsor a family in need and buy Christmas gifts for each child of their sponsored family. Thanks to all of the participants, each family had an amazing and very thankful Christmas.

4. Senior **Ana Tobar** and a fellow Key Club member both benefit from a little bit of team work to carry a Barbie dream house. When **Tobar** realized that the box to the house was the same size as her, she knew one person would not be able to carry it to the cars. The Barbie dream house went to a family with two little girls who were elated to find it under the tree on Christmas morning.





# On The Rise

## Ethnicities

### Peer Diversity

"Our main goal is to stop people from discriminating against each other, we discuss amongst ourselves what kind of bullying we've been subjected to and what could've been done to have stopped the problem before it occurred," explained sophomore **Brian Kasner** about the essence of Peer Diversity. The club was sponsored by Mr. Dittmer, who helped organize Peer Diversity workshops within all the freshmen English classes.

In addition to impacting the student body through workshops, Peer Diversity also has a lasting effect on the members themselves. "Being a part of this club helped me to realize that you can't just judge other people based on how they look, which can be really hard to do when you are in high school, and I want to help other people realize that too," said senior **Justyce Watson**. Working to make the school more aware of how their words and actions can affect other students, Peer Diversity members set an example to the rest of the student body.

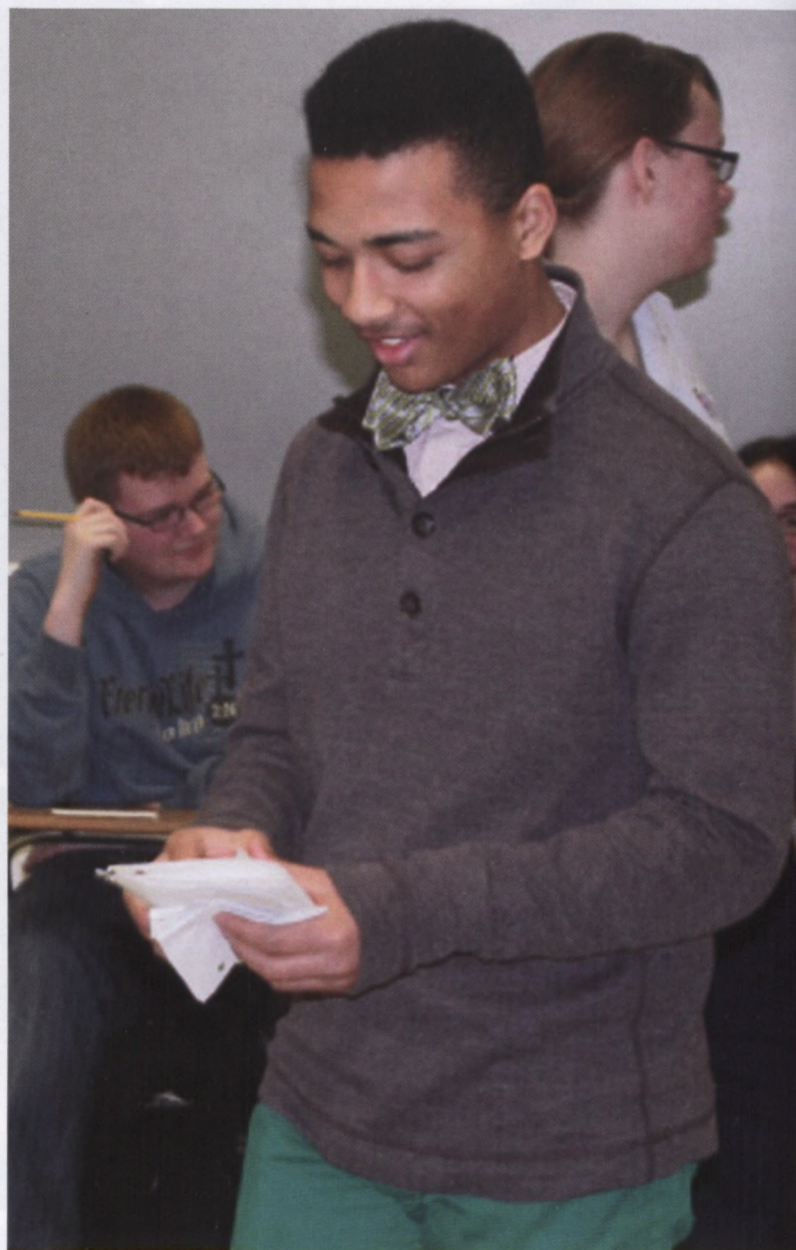
~Allison Heinzer

1. During workshop, junior **Jessica Son** and sophomore **Gabriela Tobar** read a story to a class of freshmen while some students wait in the hallway. They chose one student to retell the story to a student who had been in the hall, then that student repeated the story to someone else who had also waited in the hallway. By the time the last student retold the story, many of the details had changed, showing just how people's words get manipulated into complete falsehoods. This exercise demonstrated that people do not realize how easily rumors can be started and spread with just a few words.



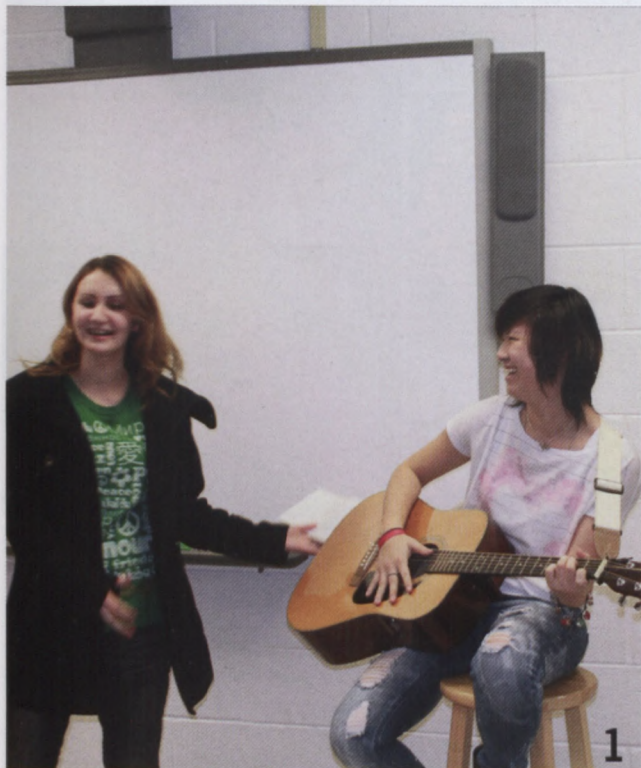
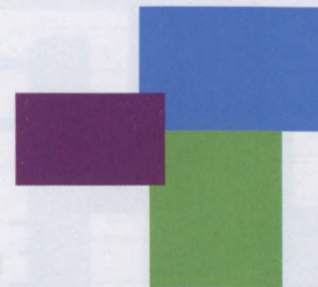
2. Senior **Bernard Coles** reads off physical characteristics each person wrote down about themselves, as their classmates try and guess who is being described. This activity gives further insight to how classmates viewed themselves based off their appearances. The activity helped show that society may not realize the affect it can have on a persons self image.

3. Sophomore **Jack Reiter** works with freshmen **Tommy De Angelus**, **Olivia Boyd**, and **Victor Lournig** as they link arms and say what they have in common with the person standing next to them. "What we're trying to do through these workshops and activities is broaden peoples horizons and make them see how much we're all different, but at the same time all equal," said **Reiter**. Having the freshmen interact with each other on a more personal level in school with people they might not have before, helped to break down barriers between students.





# Differences GSA Aside



The 2012-13 GSA Club was a collection of students coming from multiple backgrounds. "I think its a wonderful thing for the school to provide a club like this, where it doesn't matter whats going on in your life, whether it be problems at home, discrimination, or bullying, this is a place where you can come to feel safe and accepted as the person you are," shared sophomore **Kian Salahshoor**. This club held a much deeper meaning to the members than just another club; it was a place to escape judgment and be themselves, a place where everyone was welcome and safe.

~Allison Heinzer



1. Sophomore **Catherine Lamb** stands to run for secretary of GSA, singing her introduction with the help of sophomore **Karling Wilhelm** playing her guitar. "I want to see the next generation that comes to this school be a lot more accepting of people's differences," said **Lamb**. All the officers shared the same goal, setting an example for everyone else.  
2. Senior **Emily Cramer** and sophomore **Nolan Robertson** along with the rest of GSA members listen to speeches given by returning members running for office. "We've all come to GSA as an escape from everything else in the world, where you're somewhere amongst friends," said sophomore **Kian Salahshoor**. Clubs are a place where students feel like they belong and are welcomed.

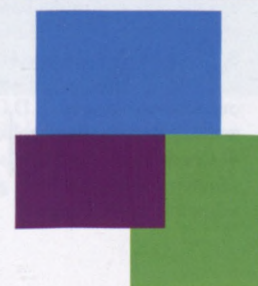


3. Junior **Nicole Heubner** and senior **Hannah Schwenenesen** collect shoes for Soles 4 Souls to go to children in Africa. "We're trying to have an overall positive effect on our community and the world at large, because even the smallest actions can have the biggest impacts," said **Schwenenesen**. As a part of Leo Club they ended up participating in many service projects throughout the school year, such as collecting shoes and toiletries for families in need.  
4. Students such as Juniors **Sabrina Poland**, **Justice Weaver**, **Emma Thornburg**, and **Kristen Lee** pose after setting up their club's flag for the very first time. Dedicated students worked hard to collaborate with **Mrs. Trowbridge**, creating a club of which athletes with minimal after school time could be a part.

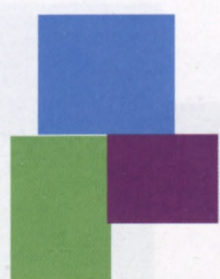
Having just been started this year by Mrs. Trowbridge, Leo Club was a work-in-progress. "Starting a new club is a big step for the school, this year, we have setup the foundation for it and this is definitely going to be the start of something [big]," said junior **Michael Chambers**. Leo Club is a charity based club whose main focus was to initiate service projects oriented around student athletes. Junior **Katherine Iskander** said, "We are just looking to make a difference in the community, to inspire people to go out and do something themselves, because every little bit helps"

~Allison Heinzer

# Of Something The Start Leo Club New







# Prayer and Faith

## Edge Club

Sophomore **Hannah Wells** shared, "John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. It basically sums up the whole Bible in one scripture!" E.D.G.E. was about expressing Christian faith with others who shared the same beliefs. They often played a game where a student had to tape up one of their hands and zip up their sweater, while still using both hands, which showed them that they are not alone in the world, that someone in heaven will help in bad times and in good times.

"God is just like a friend, he is always there and he has blessed me with great friends that love me!" said sophomore **Jayne Ross**. Students came to find a place to express their faith. Freshman **Summer Clayton** shared, "I don't go to church outside of school, so I wanted to worship someplace with my peers." Everyone in the club had gone through something that pulled them closer to God, "The Lord helped me through the loss of my father." said sophomore **Noah Kolos**.

E.D.G.E. was lead by sophomore **Stephanie Hickman**, who reached out to others who felt like they have needed someone to share the word with. Sophomore **Brian Kasner** expressed, "It's nice to know that someone's always listening to you especially when you feel alone!"

~Nicky Melendez Garcia



1. Junior **Donavan Hunter** and sophomore **Kameron Wilhem** play a game where others have to guess an object but they cannot use the word they were given. The game helped to provide students with a perspective on judging. Games and activities helped students learn valuable lessons about leading a better life.

2. Sophomore **Hannah Wells** tries to give hints on her word without saying what it is. It was the girls against the boys, and the girls team won by a landslide. The disk game encouraged students of the club to be more mindful of their words.

3. Sophomore **Stephanie Hickman** writes down what they could do to help people in the community. They helped with Operation Turkey, Canned Food Drive and other organizations in need. E.D.G.E. does everything they can do to be helpful to others in the world, especially who feel like no one is there.

4. Coach **Keith Seymour**, sophomore **Stephanie Hickman**, and freshman **Summer Clayton** laugh at the hints given by sophomore **Brian Kasner**. The game brought fellowship to the group.





5. The students gathered in a circle and held hands. Prayer is talking to the Lord and he will listen where two or three are gathered in the midst. Prayer brought them closer to God and members felt like they could face and do anything.

6. Members listening to a story that one of their former athletes is telling them. She went and helped people who needed assistance because they couldn't do it on their own, due to there youth. Everyone needed help at some points, and others were there to help those in need.

7. Athletes meet and talk about the sports they are playing. Every student in the club always had to stay after school for their sport and practice to achieve their goal. No matter winning or losing they praised the Lord for the strength they received.

8. Senior **Jamie Hall** of F.C.A is conversing of how the word of God will help start her day. F.C.A was formed for the athletes who wanted to commit some time to God. Every Thursday morning they met in the in closed cafeteria.



A survey of F.C.A. members was taken to find out which day students attended church. Most students who responded stated that they attended church on Sunday. In addition to Church, F.C.A provided another opportunity for worship.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes was a club for students who wanted to exercise their faith in the Lord. They wanted some time to dedicate to the bond with others who shared their same belief in God. The club was not only for those who wanted to exercise faith, but for those who wanted to find peace in the morning by listening to the word. "I decided to join the club because I need inspiration to get the day started with the good word," senior **Chase Beasley** shared.

They met every Thursday morning and shared how the Lord has helped them in their lives. Senior **Jamie Hall** expressed, "I wanted to find a way to get greater connection with God and also fellowship with others!" In F.C.A they would go in a circle and talk to God about everything that was going and so he had gave them courage. "It's good to get a feel of God, get in mood!" Sophomore **Connor Bazlamit** shared. F.C.A was still committed to fellowship to the Lord their God!

~Nicky Melendez Garcia

# Rejoice Friendship FCA Club



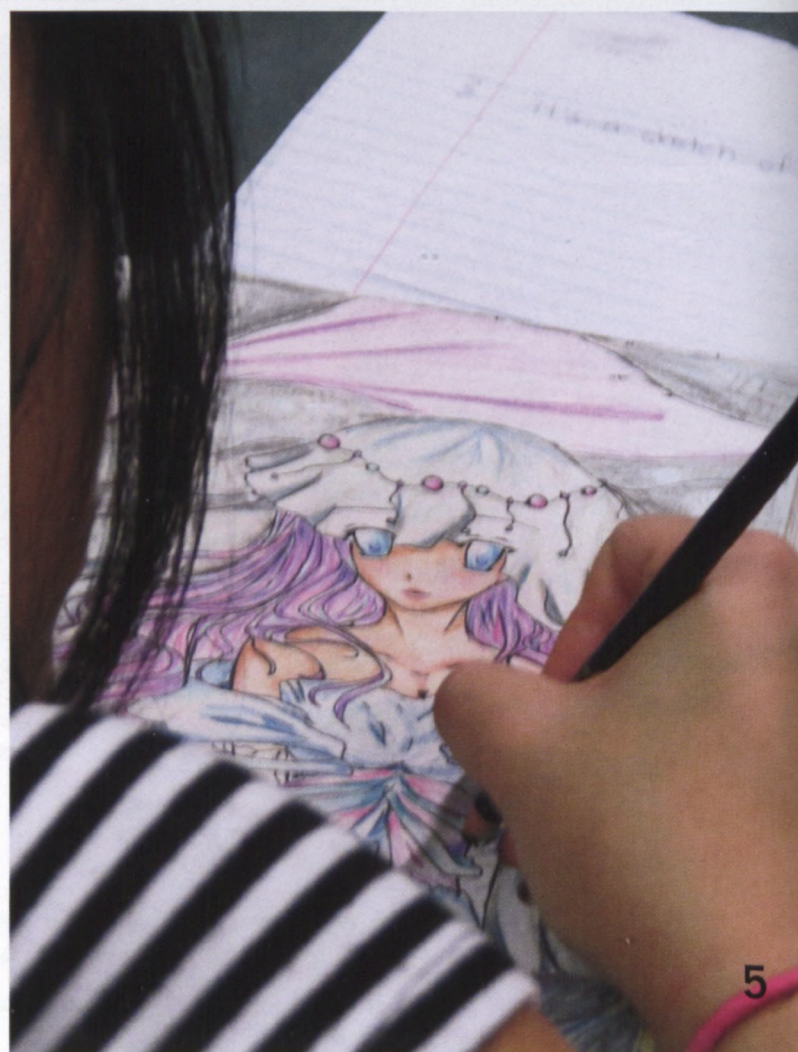
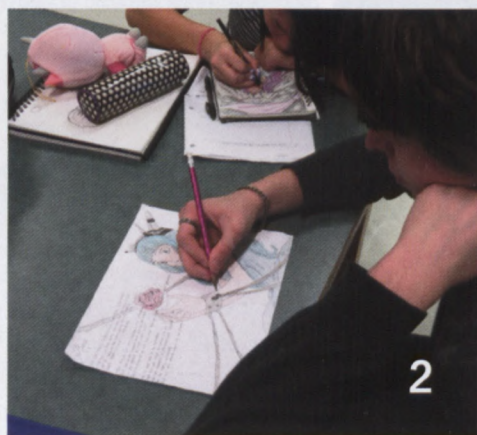
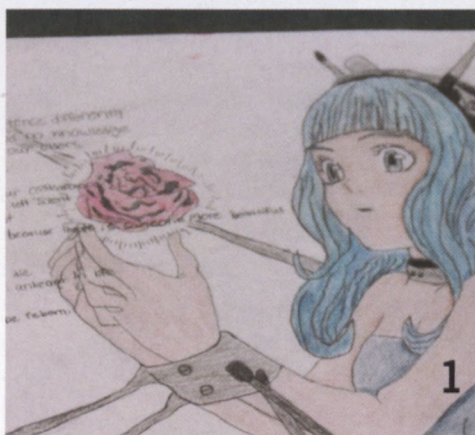


# Animation In Action

## Anime Club

Pictures were worth a thousand words, especially in the Anime club. It was centered around an appreciation for creative and vivid drawings inspired by Japanese animation. Freshman **An Thai** said, "I didn't know what to draw but it seemed like I knew what I was doing when I did." For members of the Anime club, drawing was a fulfilling form of self-expression. Senior **Eric Hayes** said about his specific creation "It's a short poem mixed with a drawing I created in class." The Anime club allowed students to receive constructive criticism while focusing on and talking about a mutual interest.

~Joshua Cooper



1. Senior **Eric Hayes** perfects his short poem and drawing. Sharing drawings like these helped student share and develop their interests. The chance to practice drawing anime and learn new techniques was appreciated by the members.

2. Senior **Eric Hayes** works tirelessly to finish his drawing at a meeting. The club had meetings every Tuesday of the month. Anime club was fun because it allowed everyone to express themselves without judgment.

3. Members of Anime club play around for an informal club picture. The club got together each week to discuss the newest anime movies, drawing approaches and simply to draw and watch others to draw. Meetings were fun for students who wanted to connect with others who shared similar interests.

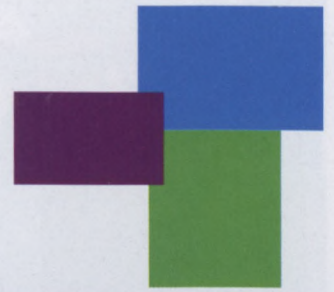
4. A drawing by **Denzel Asiedu**. He is an alumni who is credited with being one of the original Anime Club members, and former president. He came back to visit the Anime club when visiting from his school in New York, and his expertise was always appreciated by the new and returning club members.

5. **An Thai** toils away on her drawing. Unsure of what to draw, she let her imagination flow to create a great character. In this drawing, she was focused on creating a character with soft delicate colors.



# Strum For Fun

## Guitar club



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The Guitar club was filled with new experiences and inspiration. The club's members seemed to draw a lot of their music from improvisation and they just had fun with it. "I improvise, which is coming up with ideas from original chords and scales, but I do not write my own songs." said sophomore **Jessie Almquist**. When the sponsor, **Mr. Dittmer** was asked about whether or not he wrote songs, he said "Nope, I leave that to the song writers, voice is my first instrument."

~Joshua Cooper



6. Sophomore **Jessie Almquist** practices from her guitar book. 'Practice makes perfect' and guitar club was a great place to do so. "I'd have to give guitar club a nine out of ten" said Almquist.

7 Junior **Spencer Lombardo**, **Mr. Dittmer**, and sophomore **Jessie Almquist** playing songs like "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and "Oh Christmas Tree". The Holidays were a great time to play festive songs. "I usually just improvise, but I'll play songs others have written too."

8. Game club members freshmen **Anthony Gang**, **Nick Gill**, **Ethan Villagran**, and **Dan Gilhert**, juniors **Tim Wilhelm**, **Spencer Lombardo**, and freshman **Timothy Gochnour** of Board Game Club listen as **Mr. Meermans**, the sponsor, explains a new game. This club had many new and exotic games this year, many of which need to be explained to play. "I mess up at dealing the cards when I was playing Shadow Hunters" recalled **Anthony Gang** when playing the game.

9. A dice lays ready to be played on a board. Although many include dice, activities also included, boards and cards. Students were able to bring in any game of their choosing.



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Game club provided a new kind of fun each Wednesday when they met. The games were always an experience to remember, "I like playing board games and all my nerdy friends and awesome friends are in game club." said freshman **Anthony Gang**. Game club was an opportunity to meet with other students who loved board games, and each meeting had new diverse games. "I like to go to game club because **Mr. Meermans** has very interesting games and the games are not well known, keeping the games fun." said freshman **Timothy Gochnour**.

~Joshua Cooper

# Roll The Dice At Game Club

## Game club





# Yay or Nay

## Debate Team

Members of the Debate Team had to be strongly opinionated. From freshman **Steven Tian** to senior **Grace Charlton**, the age range made no difference. Each and every member had a passion for stating their opinions and making their side of the problem heard. "With no qualifications needed, I really found this an amazing team to join. It helps with my public speaking, seeing that I am the freshman class president and it gives me confidence to do what I need to do in that position," stated **Tian**. "We call ourselves 'Da Bait' because well, that's what we are. We are a group of really good-looking people who like to argue about our opinions or prove certain points to others," said sophomore **Jordan Dobak**. There are several types of debate, public forum being the most popular where two people give their views on a topic. Congress debate is set up to mimic actual congressional debating. The debate team met every Wednesday for team discussions and also to practice for up and coming competitions. "Not only does it look good on college applications, arguing is something I enjoy doing. The feeling of stating what I think is right and attempting to prove some one wrong is a marvelous feeling," stated sophomore **Kajol Gupta**. Students learned to research and study various topics, and the art of persuading their audience that they were right, and each member became a more confident public speaker as a result.

~Kiwi Herron

1. Senior **Grace Charlton** prepares her speech for the regional debate. **Charlton** was the president of Debate Team and achieved success, moving to regionals each year. **Charlton's** love of debate led to her decision to study Political Science in college.
2. Freshman **Steven Tian** expresses his opinion while practicing a debate against **Charlton**. **Tian** joined Debate as a freshman in order to improve his public speaking skills and gain experience in arguing both sides of any topic. **Tian** looked forward to continuing as a team member in his sophomore year.
3. "Debate is actually really fun, some people think it's so serious but if your passion for it is strong you aren't even stressing about what to say it just comes naturally like a conversation with friends," said sophomore **Jordan Dobak** as she was explaining her thoughts about debate.
4. Juniors **Victoria Kovalchuk** and **Kyle So** stand next to their wind turbine at a recent competition at James Madison University. Space Club members attended competitions throughout the year. The purpose of the club was to allow students to study areas of rocketry, astronautics, space science and related technical fields. The BHS Space Club was chartered in May 2011 and has flourished since.
5. The logo was original and incorporating school colors details that relate to the study of space beyond the confines of Earth. Space Club is a prestigious club and students were required to have a 3.5 GPA to be considered for an invitation



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# To Infinity

## and Beyond

## Space Club

From here to the stars, and back, the Space Club was literally out of this world. "Space Club was something new and interesting looking, that's why I joined" stated junior **Kent Komine**. Not only was the club interesting, but it provided mentor opportunities to its members. "The two years that I have been a part of this club have been amazing. I joined because I am interested in all things beyond Earth," said junior **Logan Hambric**. Many members of the Space Club had their sights set on attending colleges with strong Aerospace programs. Senior **Kayla Townsend** stated "I'd love to continue to work on this when I get older, I would like to major in engineering and to build great things with the people I will work with." In order to attain their goal of a future in space, many Space Club members accepted internships and took college classes during the summer.

~Kiwi Herron





Although the club was practically all sophomores, freshman, **Emma Dryden** set the difference being the youngest member of French club. "Even though I do not speak that much French, I have an interest in further educating myself in the language," stated **Dryden**. Most of the members in the club joined because they enjoyed speaking the language and believed it would look good on their college application. Sophomore and President **Juan Segura** said, "My job as president of this club is to make the club fun and to educate people about what I personally know about the language. I have been speaking French for three years and would love to carry on with the language throughout college." French may have been the club's language to better educate themselves upon but sophomores **Katie Boyle** and **Cassie Downs** also had other languages that they were interested in learning. "German is a language I have been interested in for a while now," stated **Boyle** "German, Latin, Spanish, and Sign Language are all languages I am interested in learning. In fact I would actually love to learn as many languages as possible," said **Downs**. French club was not a typical club, the members all had their own reasons for joining, but all of them enjoyed expanding their knowledge of the language.

~Kiwi Herron

1. The French club takes a field trip to L'Auberge Chez François to let their taste buds take a dive into the French culture. Not only did they try the food but they also spoke some of the language for the full experience. The club was diverse in what they tried, despite its unique name.

2. During a meeting in the holiday season, members create gingerbread houses. They did a lot of activities that brought everyone closer together. The French club had grown more acquainted to the culture.

3. Sophomores **Cassie Downs** and **Kajol Gupta** enjoy the tasting of French cheeses after school. The French were known for having many varieties of cheeses that they would have usually eat with bread and other delicious foods. Diversity in languages and culture helped the students learn about new things from different places.

# Bon Appetite

## French Club





# The Love For Horses

## Equestrian Club

In Equestrian Club students shared a love for horses. Senior **Jordan Tesar** said "I like the sense of family and having a place where I can go to talk to people about things that happen at the barn or problems I have with riding that they can help me with."

They were a very close group that made the most out of every meeting. Many of the members compete in English, Western, Hunter/Jumper competitions. Members were also active playing polo and could be seen on the Polo fields in the summer. One of the favorite activities of the members, is to get together for a leisure trail ride.

Junior **Kari Comer** said "We have a lot of fun, and if you love horses you need to come to a meeting!" The club welcomed both new riders and experienced alike and were always ready for new people to join the family.

~Tiffany Wayman

1. Junior **Kori Hill**, on her horse Victoria Secret, otherwise known as **Tori**, rides during a western pleasure competition in October 2012. She wore a pink shirt in honor of her grandmother who was a breast cancer survivor. Shows were a good way to show off the riding skills members had learned throughout the year.

2. Senior **Jordan Tesar** jumps her horse **Logan**. Jumping a horse took a lot of trust and hard work. Through a lot of practice and much dedication, **Tesar** was able to achieve this difficult task.

3. Junior **Kari Comer** rides her horse **Jazz** on a lovely day. **Comer** said "I joined the club because I have a passion for horses and like to have people around to talk about horses with." The club became a place for horse lovers alike to share common interest and create friendship.

4. Freshmen **Colleen Chaplin** and **Carey Horton** on their horses **Pointed Princess** and **Long Legged Lily** in a Christmas parade. The Christmas Parade was a great way to bring multiple organizations together to celebrate the holidays. "It was really fun to see people from different groups coming together to participate in the parade," **Chaplin** commented.



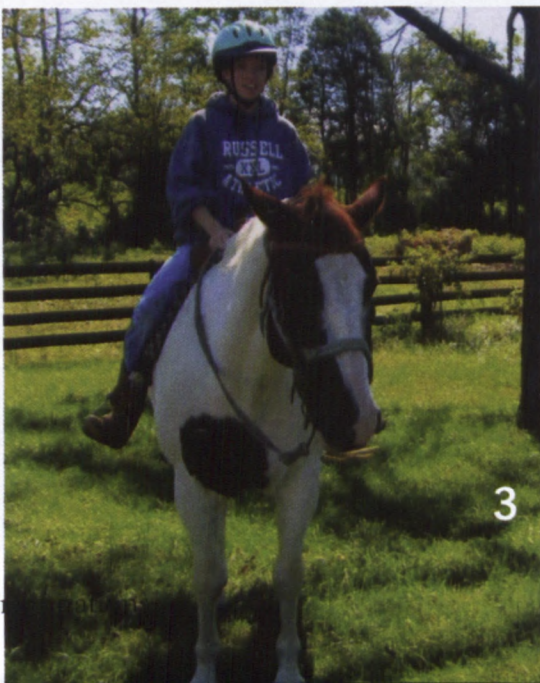
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"Live, Love, Ride."  
~ Club Motto





1. Several of the students that are in Environmental Club are discussing what they could do to help clean the environment. The club met every Monday each month. Students today wanted a better and healthier place to live in tomorrow.
2. **Mr. Hollenbuger** is asking his students for suggestions on what they could do to help the environment. For the last couple hundred years the earth was slowly being polluted, which slowly caused oxygen to get worse. Students in the club tried to emphasize that people need to do something in order to have a lasting impact on the earth.
3. Club members ponder ideas of how they can promote the concept of the little things making a big difference! Opinions in the club caused them to have experimented on the good they have done. Their work went a long way and they saw it pay off in the long run.
4. Senior **Amber Kozacek** expressed what she is feeling towards students who appreciate the earth. Recycling helped the environment in a wide variety of ways. Students who recycled felt better about themselves because they helped the earth.



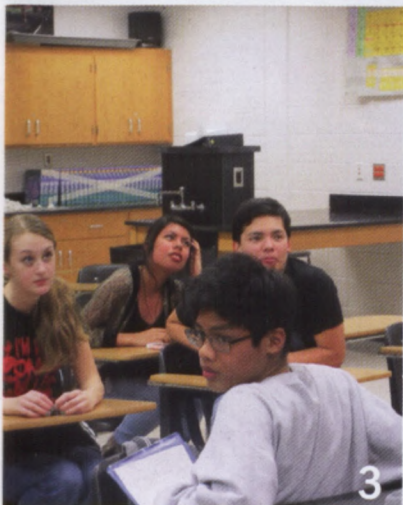
In Environmental Club, students helped out the mission to save the environment. They helped organize a recycling program throughout the school. In addition to the recycling program, the club also organized nature hikes and other outdoor activities.

While promoting environmental consciousness, club members were able to interact with others that care about the environment.

Junior **Sarah Shupe** said "I was interested in the club because I like to do outdoor things like hiking. They also help with recycling.

Junior **John Lahammer** said "I joined the club because of a concern about recycling." The club left an impact not only on the students and school policies, but on the environment as well.

~Tiffany Wayman



# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

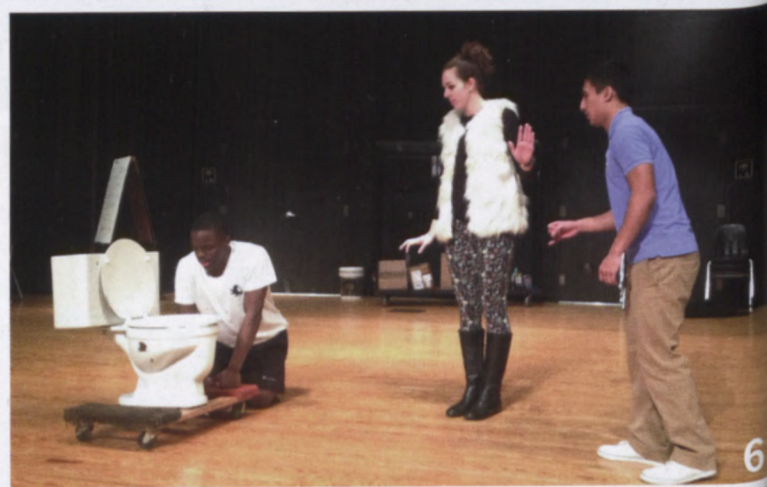
## Environmental Club







Senior **Jessica Dubish** was the president of Bobcats Off Broadway. She participated in every production during her high school years. "Drama is first and foremost a family. I'm so glad I decided to go out for a show my freshman year," Dubish said. Her favorite role was Anybodys in the Drama production of *West Side Story*. She plans to pursue a career in the theatrical arts. "I can't imagine my life without theatre. I'm going off to study theatre at George Mason." Having **Mrs. Bellino** as a teacher helped her grow as a person and decide what she wanted to do for college. "I owe all my success to **Mrs. Bellino** and the drama program," said Dubish. She will be heading to college to begin her dream job as a theater teacher.





# World Is All The A Stage Drama Club



The definition of family lies in the heart of Drama Club. Every person who has been involved in Bobcats Off Broadway in anyway is considered family. "It has helped me better communicate and express my feelings with confidence," said junior **Colby Riley**. The vibe from Drama kids in the theater was very welcoming. "We accept every single type of person in Drama Club, like, we don't exclude anyone. You can just walk up and there's a place for you," said senior **Dylan Thomas**.

Occasionally there were disagreements, but they learned how to work through disagreements, and everyone came together to create a fun, safe environment that welcomed everyone. "It's helped me become less dependent on others' opinions," said senior **Erica Perez**.

Drama Club sparked a new love [for the arts] in people and helped with bigger life decisions. "It's helped me decide what I want to do and go to college for and that is technical theater," said junior **Rhiannon Sanders**.

Whether it was through a performance or around the halls, Drama Club members always tried to spread the love for theater and join everyone together. They created bonds that will last a lifetime.

~Alexis Hawthorne



1. Seniors **Erin Henry** and **Justyce Watson** have a laugh during a rehearsal. **Henry** and **Watson** have been friends for years, and have shared a love for theater and dance. Both seniors saw drama as part of their future.

2. Junior **Rhiannon Sanders** folds a box in preparation for the upcoming show. The box held crumpled up papers and was painted on the outside to be used during the performance. Props were used to make scenes come to life.

3. Senior **Carlos Cruz** directs actors during a rehearsal. **Cruz** was a director in *Thank You For Flushing My Head in the Toilet and Other Rarely Used Expressions* by Jonathan Dorf. Giving students the opportunity to direct One Acts gave them a chance to show off their skills and help others with their skills.

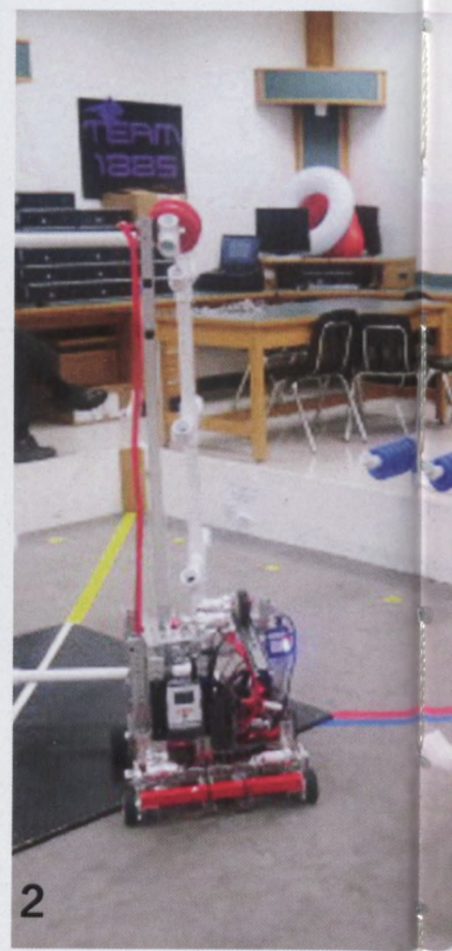
4. Junior **Molly Mangan** paints a flat during a rehearsal. **Mangan** was painting a piece of the set for the One Act Competition. The flat had graffiti and harsh words that would be written in a vandalized school.

5. Senior **Sydney Brock** paints a box in the wings of the stage. **Brock** was painting a box used in a scene in the Drama Club One Act. There was always something for someone to do after school.

6. Junior **Colby Riley**, senior **Madison Setness**, and senior **Carlos Cruz** run through a scene before the One Act competition. **Riley**, **Setness**, and **Cruz** portrayed their characters very well to make the scene powerful. The play was about bullying and the way characters are portrayed was essential to the audience's understanding of the play.











## SeaPerch

Although not part of the robotics program, students also had the opportunity to work with the SeaPerch program, taught by Ms. Conner. Freshmen Thomas Zika, Louis Cocks and juniors Randi Clayton and Jaqueline Alvarado practice driving



their robots, underwater, at a club competition. Zika said, "At first I didn't know what the class was about, but later on it became more fun and hands on." The SeaPerch program was an educational program that allowed students of all ages to construct a simple, remotely-operated underwater vehicle (ROV). The robots tended to usually be made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and other readily made materials. The program allowed the students to educate themselves on basic skills in ship engineering, and encouraged students to explore naval architecture and marine engineering concepts. After the completion of each construction, the students were supposed to test their vehicles by sending them on "missions" in a competition. In the end, the competition rewarded

sportsmanship, spirit and design skills, as well as mastery in SeaPerch concepts. As well as being an interesting and challenging program, the program helped to find the next generation of Naval Architects, Marine Engineers, Naval Engineers, and Ocean Engineers.



1. Seniors David Powell, William Lahann, and mentor Neal Barker compete in their State Competition in Richmond. Throughout the 2012-2013 school year, the team had a great season. Both boys and their team competed in several challenging matches, but unfortunately did not win.

2. Sophomore Eric McGillivray practices putting two red rings on the top pole for their upcoming Regional Competition. McGillivray said, "I like robotics because it challenges the way I think." Although he does not personally drive the robot in competitions, he still practiced during school hours.

3. Sophomores Monica Karas, Alexis Champion, and junior Rujohn Shali create a presentation board for their upcoming Regional Competition, for Team 5262. The board was for the judge's presentation. If the presentation had impressed the judges, the team would receive the Inspire Award.

4. Senior Patrick Gough referees a FLL (First Lego League) competition. Gough said, "I would mentor again because I like to see the joy on the little kid's faces and be able to spread my knowledge to them." The mentors/referees were dressed up in hats, leis, and decorative colors to keep the elementary school kids excited about robotics.

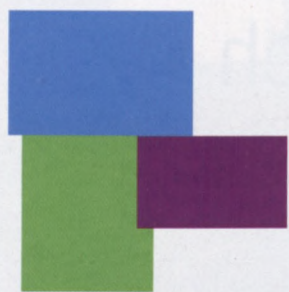
5. Senior William Lahann and juniors Spencer Lombardo, Skylar Edwards, and Justin Shaw practice and prepare the robots before their Regional Competition. Lahann said, "It teaches real world problem solving skills, I like it because it's competitive." Graduated students have been known to return to competitions to mentor the current students on the robotics teams.

# OURfuture OURobots Robotics

The Ilite Robotics classes taught at Battlefield High School were taught by Professor Drake, and students spent countless hours after school and on weekends perfecting their robots. Robotics consisted of six teams who learned in school, practiced after school, and competed in various competitions. Each robot was designed, built, and programmed by students to compete in competitions. The teams all traveled to many different locations to compete. The robots were drawn, planned, and remade several times before a competition. Since September, junior Aidan Curran worked with Team 5262 on their robot. Curran says, "Robotics is really fun, but it's time consuming. It's not time for goofing off, but it's also not boring work." The teams also mentored elementary school children. They traveled to Alvey Elementary, as well as Glenkirk Elementary. There, they demonstrated their robots to them, as they would perform in a competition. Junior Benjamin Robson said, "Building and perfecting the robots is a lot of hard work, but it's worth every second at competition because the work often pays off." The club got together and practiced every Thursday and Saturday after school. Since 2004, the Battlefield robotics team made it to worlds every year. While many students joined robotics for a fun, intellectual activity, as well as an interest, robotics held many future benefits. The experience learned in the robotics program was a great reference to gain admission into competitive colleges. Junior Justin Shaw said, "In the future, this program will help me get into a better college and help me to become an engineer or IT specialist." Robotics was the gateway to technology.

~Samantha Riedl





# Vive La France!

## National French Honor Society

Members of the French Honor Society had nothing but good things to say about this fun, upbeat club. "At French Honor Society we intermix ourselves with the French culture and language through different activities and many parties," said senior **Patrick Gough**. French Honor Society members not only had fun at the parties but also had fun by cleaning and decorating the school for homecoming, sending letters to soldiers during the holiday seasons and collecting pillowcases for an organization that helps make dresses for girls in Africa. "I learned stuff from French Honor Society that helped me with the French culture when I visited France" said senior **Rachel Devore**. French Honor Society not only helped to benefit other people but it also helped improve the French skills of the students involved in the club.

~Madeline Laycock



1. Senior **Megan Villvaicencio** and junior **David Lewis** sit in the French Honor Society meeting and discuss upcoming events. The French Honor Society partook in many interesting events such as sending pillow cases to an organization in Africa to make dresses for little girls. Students always had a say in new activities and helped come up with good ideas.

2. Senior **Patrick Gough** and junior **Lindsay Schloss** give each other a high-five after a club meeting. Other club members seniors **Devon Esteban** and **Nicole Carter** stood around and laughed at a joke made by one of the members. Students in the French Honor Society always had a good time and had many laughs.

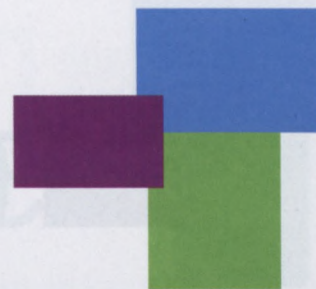
3. French Honor Society coordinator **Madame Clemance** looks through the French Honor Society photo book with senior **Rachel DeVore**. French Honor Society made photo books to look back on all the fun times they had shared during the year. Looking through pictures was a great way for members of this organization to always have memories of what they had done in the past.





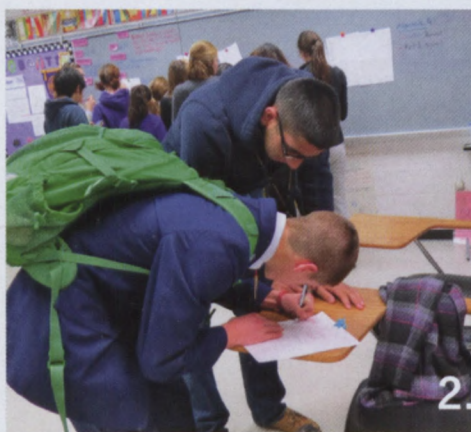
# The Right To Write

## National English Honor Society



The National English Honor Society was a group for students who had a love for the English language and who enjoyed helping others. Club members joined together to help other students learn and perfect their writing. Without the wise, caring and help of the students of the N.E.H.S, the Bobcat Writing Center would not have been a success. Not only did the members N.E.H.S. who worked in the Bobcat Writing Center help others, helping also benefited the N.E.H.S students too. "Working in the Bobcat Writing Center has helped me improve my own writing while helping others at the same time" said junior **Caroline Gellene**. Members of this society not only focused on helping other students with their writing at the Bobcat Writing Center, but they also organized a book drive and read to the HeadStart kids. "I liked doing the book drive because it is usually overlooked but it is a great thing," said junior **Anna Hong**. The National English Honor Society was a good place for students to excel in their love for the English language and using those skills to help others in the school and community.

~Madeline Laycock



1. Junior **Vanessa Nates** stands in National English Honor Society thinking about upcoming events. National Honor Society members put a lot of thought and effort into the events they held. Without the hard work of these students the Bobcat Writing Center would not of been a success.

2. Junior **Thomas Fricke** and senior **Obaidullah Rafiqzard** rushed to sign up for a spot in the upcoming English Honor Society events. These boys wanted to make sure they had a chance to help other students in the Bobcat Writing Center. The English Honor Society members really enjoyed being able to help make an improvement on other students writings.



3. Seniors **Veronica Demarest** and **Amber Kozacek** wait patiently outside of the Spanish Honor Society classroom. Students enjoyed the club meetings so much that they would get there before the club coordinator would arrive. These girls had big smiles on their faces knowing that the meetings would be starting soon.

4. Seniors **Emma Spofford**, **Alyssa Nessel**, **Christie Kim**, **Hannah Schwenesen** and **Natasha Dziarnowski** went out to dinner to a Spanish restaurant, **El Vaquero**. Spanish Honor Society members were always looking for fun new activities to participate in. Eating out at a Spanish restaurant allowed the members to not only enjoy Spanish food but to also practice their Spanish.

Spanish Honor Society was an organization that allowed students to express their love for the Spanish language in different ways. The Spanish Honor Society took part in fun, upbeat Spanish culture activities such as watching Spanish movies, eating Spanish foods and speaking the Spanish language. "I joined the Spanish Honor Society because I love the Spanish language and I thought it would give me more practice. It also gives me more exposure to the culture that what I get in class," said senior **Anastasia Rivera**. "Spanish Honor Society let's you be who you are and love everything you do, just in another language," said senior historian, **Veronica Demarest**. Sharing the love for Spanish brought these students together by building new friendships and creating a stronger passion for the Spanish language.

~Madeline Laycock

# Spice It Up Spanish

## National Spanish Honor Society



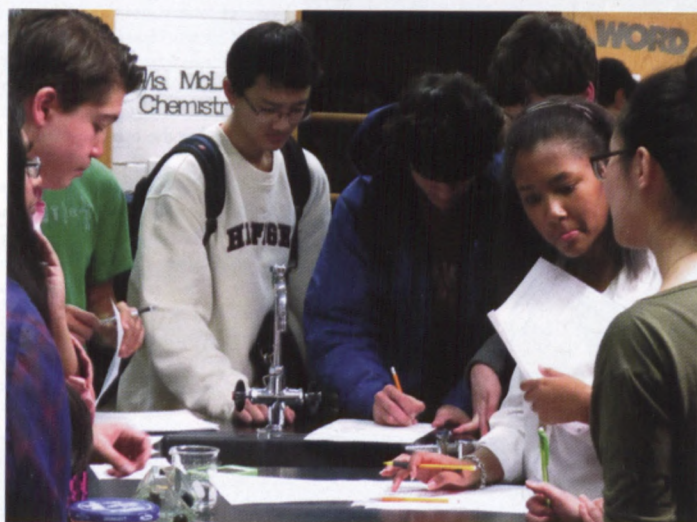


# Element At One A Time

## Science National Honor Society

Science National Honor Society is a national organization honoring and encouraging student excellence in science. To become a member of this elite club, a student must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, take advanced placement science courses, and apply for the position his/her junior or senior year. Members, along with sponsor **Ms. McLeod**, meet once a month to experiment and participate in activities that emphasize not only the importance of science, but the value of creativity and leadership. SNHS members hoped to expand their understanding of classical and modern science and share their knowledge with the community. Student officers were elected to help carry out the club goals and ensure meetings and events went according to plan. "Science National Honor Society not only gives opportunities of interaction with the community to high school students, but also teaches a new aspect of science that students do not learn throughout their school science courses," senior SNHS President **Jaehoon Lee** shared. The club continues to grow and expand each and every year.

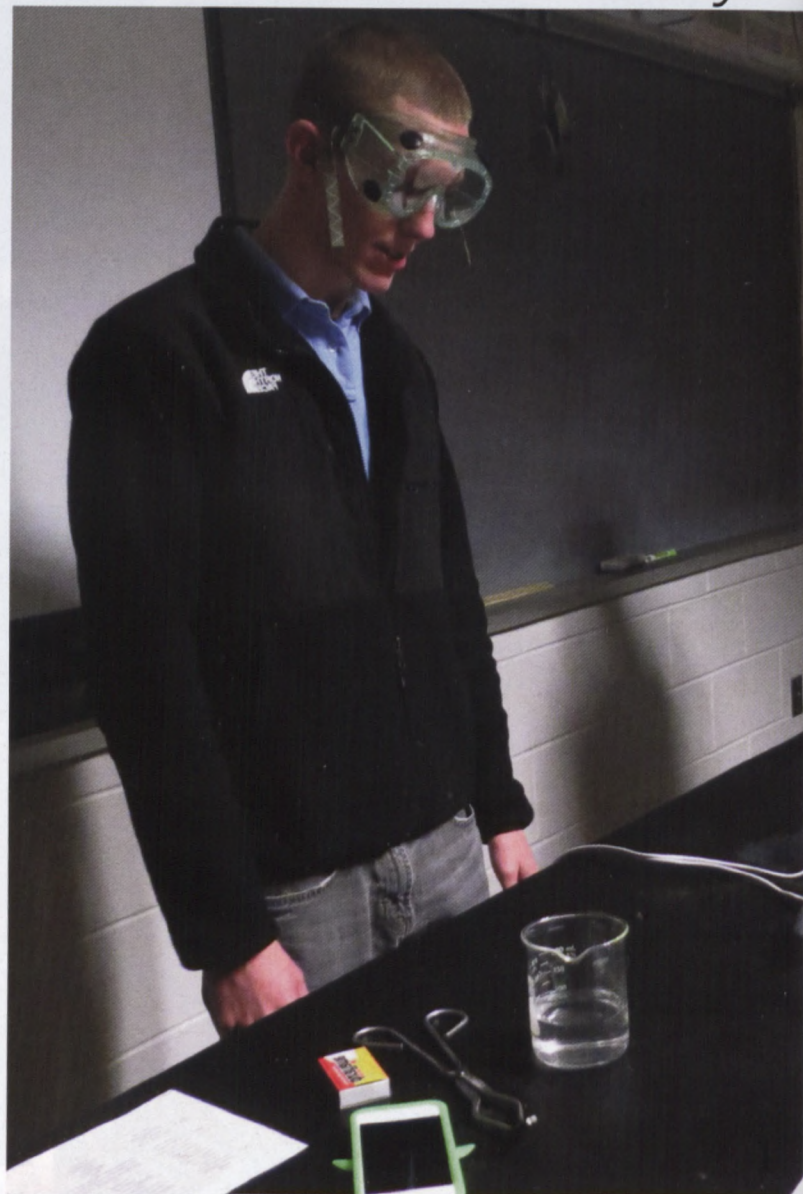
~Rachel Kerxton



1. Senior **Andrew Franklin** performs an experiment for his peers. **Franklin** spent a long time perfecting his electrocuting pickle experiment and shared his talent with the younger students. Being a part of the Science Honor Society gave students a chance to experiment and express their passion for science amongst one another.

2. Senior **Kayla Townsend** signs into the monthly SNHS meeting. **Townsend** is very involved in academics and helping others. Activities are always planned to give members the opportunity to utilize their strengths.

3. Junior **Mitchell Gillin** sets fire to a dollar bill using a mixture of alcohol and water. This created the illusion that the dollar that cannot be destroyed. **Gillin** enjoyed performing in front of people, leaving fellow classmates filled with curiosity and excitement.





# Travel Through Time

## National History Honor Society



A NHHS meeting was a time and place to get away and talk about happenings, past and present, around the world. Being a part of NHHS gave **Stephen Tian** an excited feeling. "History Honor Society is a great organization the strives to promote the value of history and welcomes everyone to join," said **Tian**. With his other members of his cabinet beside him, the club was for the people by the people. "Everyone has the same interests as you. It's very laid back and you'd be surprised at who shows up to the meetings," said senior **Risha Manoppo**. NHHS included many to create great group of people that really enjoyed everything history.

~ Alexis Hawthorne



4. Freshman **Stephen Tian** introduces himself and talks about the many things that happen in History Honor Society. **Tian** was the president of NHHS. "History Honor Society consists of field trips, history contests, and pizza!" said **Tian**.

5. **Mr. Calloway** explains a contest for students greatly interested in History. **Calloway** sponsored NHHS and wanted students to be more aware of events and people of the worlds past. Being the sponsor of NHHS involves a lot of knowledge of the world and an interest in learning more as time goes on.

6. Senior **Kassie Krivo** tutors junior **Leigh Hall** with her math at her house. **Krivo** loved to help others with math to help them succeed. NMHS students are all about their classmates and encouraging others to want to learn more.



Math was a challenging subject for a lot of people, but it came naturally to some and they used their abilities to help their peers. "Math Honor Society is an essential club to the school because it provides students with the opportunity to use their math talents to help their peers succeed." said senior **Kayla Townsend**. Math Honor Society was filled with students who felt math spoke to them. "It's nice because there is usually only one answer to the problems. It's a universal language," said senior **Kassie Krivo**. The involvement of NMHS with tutoring students was overwhelming. They wanted their friends and fellow students to succeed in math and helped them solve all kinds of problems in their lives.

~ Alexis Hawthorne

## National Math Honor Society

# The Mathletes



# Doing Their Part

## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society was a selective organization that demanded its members demonstrate academic excellence as well as a commitment to service in their school and their community. In order to join, it was required that the students have a GPA of 3.7 or higher as well as strong leadership skills and a passion for service. These qualities were essential to the success of many service opportunities that were offered each year. Members of NHS were able to participate in blood drives, volunteer at food pantries, serve as teacher's aides, or tutor both Battlefield students and some students from Alvey Elementary School. "The best part about NHS was being a part of the Battlefield Buddies program. I was a part of it for both junior and senior year and I loved being able to go over to Alvey, mentor, and build relationships with the students there. I really felt that I was able to make a difference," explained senior **Miranda Stevens**. The National Honor Society was of great benefit to the community and to students of Battlefield.

~Jordan Tesar

1. NHS Vice President senior **Eunice Kim** reviews information with the club's sponsor, Ms. Lucas, before a meeting. **Kim** led a project that sent Box Tops coupons to an inner city school for financial support. "The Box Tops collection project has been very rewarding for both NHS and Friendship Chamberlain School. Together NHS has collected well over 1000 boxtops and we have learned that community service can be as easy as cutting boxtops from a cereal box," stated **Kim**.

2. Junior **Christine Choi** helps senior **Rachel DeVore** with her forensics homework. Members of NHS had to complete a certain number of tutoring hours each year. Tutoring their classmates allowed NHS members to be involved in their school and make a difference.

3. NHS members enter the auditorium where their meetings were held. The officers led these meetings every month to update members on opportunities to volunteer as well as answer questions they had about points among other things. Attending the meetings was a crucial part of being a successful and active NHS member.

4. Senior **Aaron Kim** explains an AP Government assignment to senior **Aaron Guo**. NHS tutors were available for help on any kind of subject. Each member brought a variety strengths to each tutoring session that enabled the success of their peers.



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# The Bigger Picture

## National Art Honor Society



The National Art Honor Society was an organization through which students could express themselves and share their passion for art with students who shared the interests. "I joined because I was curious to see what other people could do. I like seeing all of the projects come together," explained Art Honor Society President senior **Jacqueline Javier**. Being a part of the National Art Honor Society allowed students to expand their already extensive knowledge of art and techniques. Their skill and dedication to art was not limited to school meetings and projects, but their participation in art competitions as well as the opportunities to earn scholarships for their artwork was an essential part of being a member of the National Art Honor Society. Being around such imaginative people inspired members to think outside of the box and inspired students to be more innovative. There was never a shortage of unique ideas.

~ Jordan Tesar



1. Senior **Kayleigh Dahl** resumes work on one of her paintings. Art allowed students to express themselves. Being in the Art Honor Society inspired creativeness in its members.

2. Sophomore **Christina Davidson** concentrates on getting every detail in her skyline painting correct. Using a white pencil allowed her to sketch a loose design of the skyline.

3. Sophomore **Jeffrey Kelso** focuses on finishing his painting. Members learned that patience and concentration were essential to perfecting their art. Through determination and attentiveness the students were able to produce artwork that they were proud of.

4. Junior **Nilab Osmani** gets advice from junior **Deja Bennefield**. Constructive criticism was always helpful when trying to make decisions related to their artwork. Each student wanted to make sure that their peers' artwork was the best.





# Gone But Derek Meffert



Photos courtesy of the Meffert Family

Derek Meffert, a person who is unforgettable to many Battlefield students as well as anyone who crossed his path, lost his life after his freshman year in high school. His close friend, senior Connor Schweitzer, commented, "Derek Meffert was one of the kindest people that I have ever met. The kid could put a smile on the face of someone as sour as Marla Singer. Even though it hurts that he will not be walking across the graduation stage this June, I know that he will be with us and I feel blessed to have been able to spend time with such a wonderful friend with a wonderful family. I will never forget him and the impact he made on my life." From playing football, attending school, goofing off with friends, to just being his bubbly self, Meffert was an amazing person to spend time with. "He was impossible to be sad around. He wouldn't allow it. If you were sad he would be up ready to fight the cause while still making you laugh. He was as smart as they come and he was the one to let me know it was okay to be smart, it was okay to be me," commented senior Dane Howard, "I remember the nights where for hours we would just talk about impossibilities and how we could change the world." Meffert aspired to go somewhere with his life. He had lots of ambitions, so in school he could be found, every now and then, deep in thought trying to find a greater meaning to the teachers' lesson. "I remember Derek as being very gregarious and friendly. He always had a smile on - he laughed easily and often," commented his freshmen year Latin teacher Mrs. Yount.

Meffert was a loyal, generous, down-to-earth, and so full of life. "In Derek's death I did not lose a friend, I gained a guardian. In death he solidified all of his lessons to me and gave me the power I needed to do what needs to be done. To give others hope that a better life is not a dream but a day by day goal," said Howard. "He will always be one of my best friends no matter how much time passes or what is put before me. I know that with him behind me even as an individual I can fight like an army and think like a savant. I miss you so much Derek but congratulations on leaving the dome and thank you for looking out for those still in it." His friends, teachers, and family turned this tragic event into a life lesson for all, and will never forget the memories he left behind. Loved by all those around him, Derek Meffert and his memory will live on with all of us.

~ Mikayla Kyle & Yelena Medovar



# Never Forgotten



**Ali Zaidi**

In our hearts always,  
Forever our teammate.  
ILITE Robotics



Photos courtesy of the iLite Team and Zaidi family

Many dream of living a full life and graduating high school, going to college, marrying their soul mate, and having a family. To one of Battlefield's students, that did not happen. His name was **Ali Zaidi** and his friends knew him as the funny, outgoing guy who could make anyone laugh when they were sad. Senior **Joshua Cherpes** was extremely close to **Zaidi**. "When I first met **Ali** I found out he was really into paint ball. He was also really tight, and always made me laugh. After we realized we had a lot in common we sat next to each other in class for the rest of the year" said **Cherpes**. **Zaidi** and his friends made some hilarious and memorable memories. "I think my favorite memory was when I went to his house and we rode four wheelers and dirt bikes in the snow. When we got back we had frost bite and we tried to heat ourselves up with warm water but that just made it worse. So we then just laughed and cried together because the pain was terrible and it was really funny," said senior **Garrett Ormond**. Senior **David Powell** recalled, "I will always remember the day **Ali** called my brother Matthew, 'Maxwell'. This happened four years ago and we still call my brother 'Maxwell' to this very day" said **Powell**. **Zaidi's** friends have experienced a great tragedy, but they will always remember him as a good person. "I'd like to remember him by always making the best out of any situation, no matter what it is. He also always knew how to make you laugh regardless of how bad the situation got," said senior **Daniel Lopez**. **Zaidi** inspired many of his friends to be better people and to live their lives the way they wanted to, because life is too short to worry about the small things.

~Paige Kyzer







## Evan Johnson

We are so very proud of you son! We know you have a bright future ahead. Congratulations!  
Love, Mom & Dad



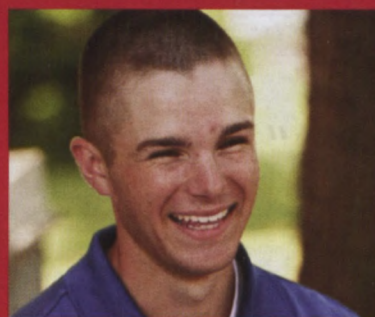
## Kayla Hewitt

*Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. You are an amazing young lady and we are so proud of you! Your journey is just beginning and your future is full of promise.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Blake & Brooke*



To my wonderful daughter Margaret Bean: I am blessed that I was given you as my daughter; you make me proud, you make me smile and laugh, and I wish you love, happiness, and success in everything you do, and with everyone you share your life with!  
I Love You! xoxo, Mom



## Kyle Rodgers

*John 15:13*

Congratulations on your accomplishments! We are so proud of the person you have become.  
Love, Mom & Dad





# Kassie Krivo

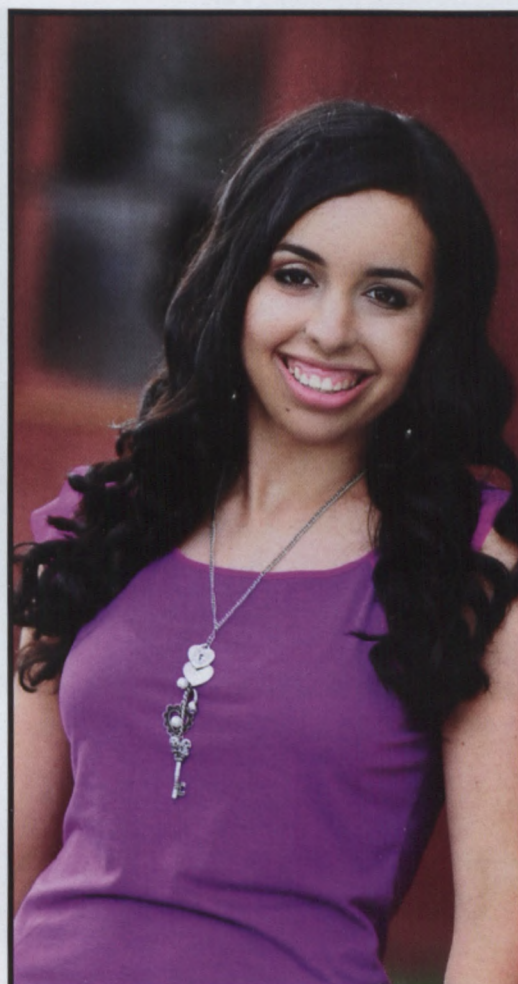
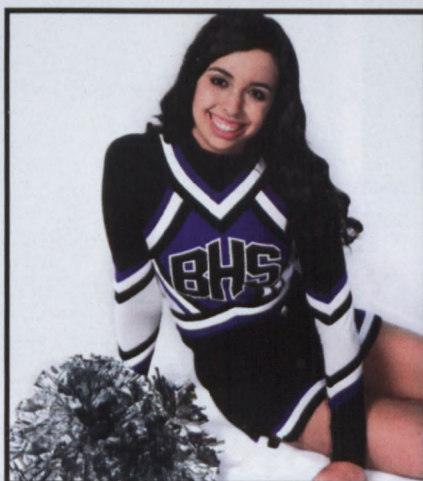
From your first day of Kindergarten to  
Graduation Day,  
You have put forth nothing less than  
your best.

We know that you will make the most  
of your success.

We are so proud of all you have  
accomplished & know  
that a bright future lies ahead.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad & Victoria



"You're off to Great Places! Today  
is your day! Your mountain is  
waiting, So.. get on your way!"

We are proud of you - Mom, Craig,  
Kayla, Sammie and MawMaw and  
PawPaw

## Jessica Marie Dubish



## Kelsey Day

You have made our hearts  
sing since the day you were  
born. For as long as we can  
remember you have been  
entertaining anyone and  
everyone - you were meant  
to be a performer. We know  
we will see your name in  
the lights of Broadway  
someday very soon. Dream  
big honey; you can  
accomplish anything you set  
your mind to. We love you  
more than words can say  
and are so extremely proud  
of the young lady you have  
become!!

All our love,  
Mom, Dad and Jenna



## Nia Knight

Congratulations!  
We're proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad,  
Jeremy, Tamar and  
Tamani







Margaret,

The most fulfilling part of my life has been watching you grow, mature, and become such an incredible person. Your passion, intelligence, creativity, and beauty are amazing, and your success in life is just beginning. I am so blessed to have you as a daughter and share the relationship we have. You're the best!!!

Love Dad

Margaret Bean  
Margaret Bean



# Allyson Michelle Keeney



As I gathered these pictures for your yearbook, I realized how the last 18 years have gone by so fast. In a blink of an eye you went from a little baby to a beautiful young woman. It seems like yesterday, that you were learning to ride your bike and, graduating from Kindergarten. It is hard to believe that my little girl is all grown up and ready to start a new chapter of her life.

We are proud of your accomplishments and the decisions you have made in high school. A time when teenage years can be difficult, you stayed true to your heart. You have always stood up for what you believed in and it has made you the independent woman that you are today. We have no doubt that you will be successful in life because you know that hard work and determination will make your dreams become reality.

We wish you love and happiness as you start this new phase of your life.

~Love Mom and Dad

## One of a Kind !



## Brittany Davis

We are so proud of you and how hard you have worked through school! We wish you all the success you deserve. You are beautiful inside and out and we love you very much!

Love, Mom, Dad and Joey



## Katherine Munies

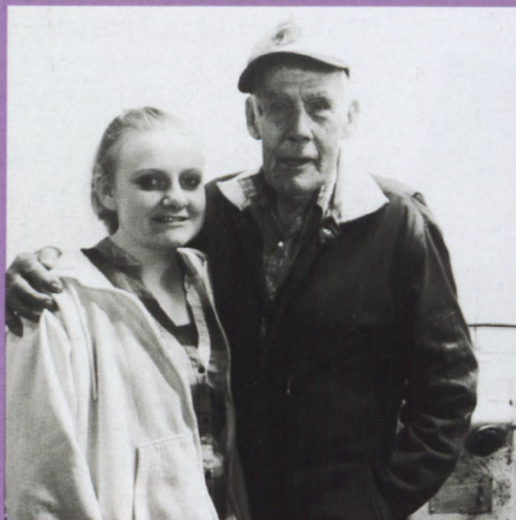


Right from when you were a little child and now a graduate today, you have only given endless pride and joy as we have watched with great pride your many successes along this journey towards High School graduation. It still feels like that same day when you first went to school is back again.

We feel nervous, but in a different way, as you now face the world by yourself. However, one thing is common yesterday and today. Deep inside we are very confident that you will emerge as a caring, thoughtful, and generous woman who will make great contributions to our world and we will always feel grateful and blessed to have you in our lives.

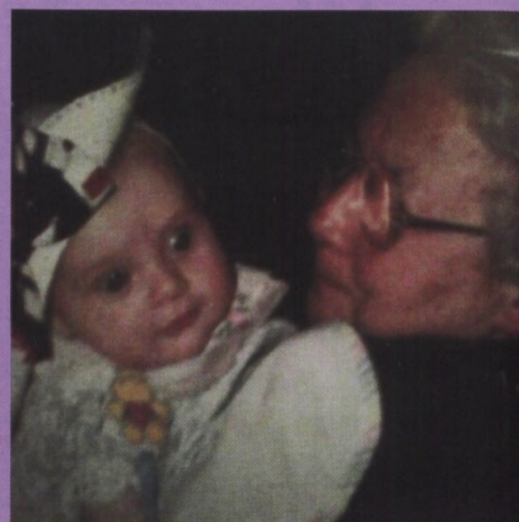
Love, Always, Mom and Dad.





## Hannah Mowery

To my sister, Hannah,  
I know sometimes  
There are struggles  
I want to tell you  
The day has come for you  
In June of 2013  
You're graduating  
You accomplished mom and dad's wish  
You're number one  
You're brilliant



You're beautiful  
Friends beside you  
Lots of smiles and laughs to go around  
Even with a cell phone  
There was no time for parties or sweethearts  
Just studies and dog sitting  
Gone to a few dances and games  
Football, lacrosse, baseball, etc  
Entertainment was unlimited  
You not only did it for mom and dad's wish  
Or for anyone else  
You did it for yourself  
You challenge yourself  
To face the outside world  
Mom and Dad's wish is not over



It's just the beginning  
You finish high school as number one  
Mom & Dad are proud of you  
Your brothers are proud of you  
"Granda" is proud of you  
Your aunts and uncles are also  
I Am Proud of You  
Your intelligence  
You're gorgeous  
You have the spirit  
To be number one  
Don't stop, Keep reaching higher  
Your family is behind you all the way  
We all support you & love you,  
Hannah Banana!  
From: Amanda

## BLAINE VARLEY

We are proud of you & what  
you have accomplished. First  
phase complete & done well.  
Love, Mom + Dad





From your first day of school to your last, nothing has ever been able to disguise how super you are.



# Stan Muckerman

With great power comes great responsibility, try to use it for good.

Love, Mom, Dad & Claire

## Steven Meston

Dear Steven

It is crazy how fast time has passed since you were born until now, your senior year and graduation. You make Elizabeth and I so proud to call you our brother. From your everyday puns and jokes, to your innate sincerity and huge heart. It is your time to grow, move on to college, and everything great your future will bring. As mom would always tell us; work hard, as nothing worthwhile comes easy. Strength and determination will carry you through struggles and lead you to your goals and dreams. There is so much the future holds for you and some of your best years are just around the corner. Needless to say, we will miss you.

With all of our love,  
Ashley and Elizabeth







David,

We are very proud of you and your achievements. As you graduate from High School there are so many opportunities for you. Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

We cannot think of better advice.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



*Past* **Victoria Deese** ♥ *Present*



*Future*

**"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."**

Love, Memaw & Pepaw

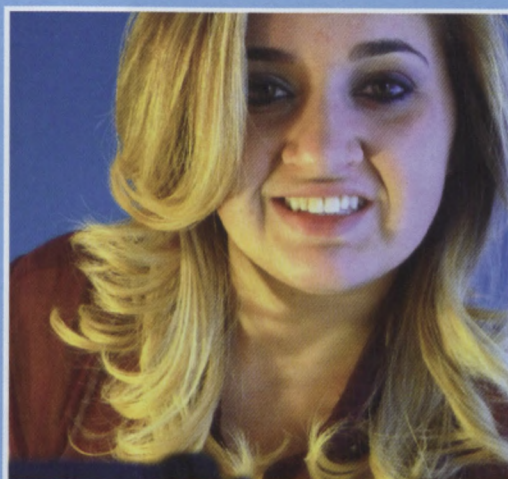
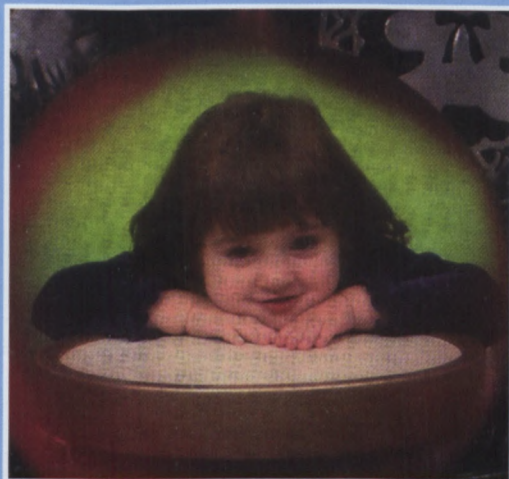


# Alexi Giannelli

Spread your wings my little butterfly  
'Cause wings are made to fly.

Wherever you go,  
go with all your heart. ~ Confucius

All our love,  
Mom, Gordon, Nana, Poppi,  
Uncle Fred, Brian, Adam, Morgan



## Brila A. McPherson



Words that Describe You!  
God Fearing, Goofy, Loveable  
Passionate, Strong Spirited,  
Beautiful Inside & Out!  
So proud of you,  
your Familia!

## Katherine Irwin

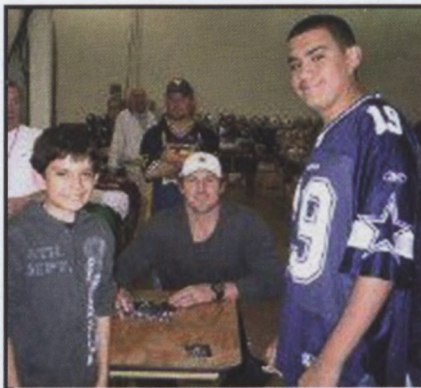
Words of wisdom  
your future does not lie in front of  
you it lays within you...  
life is not about finding yourself;  
its about creating yourself  
when life is a roller coaster, and it  
will be, throw your hands in the  
air and enjoy the ride....  
find the joy in ALL choices you  
make

You are an amazing daughter and  
sister! I am so proud of all that  
you have accomplished!

Love,  
Mom, Emily, and Abby







## Richard Martinez

Congratulations Richard! We are so proud of you!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Thomas, Lawrence, and Carl

"Hook 'Em"



### Kayleigh Dahl

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Go and show the world your beautiful colors.

We Love You!

Mom, Dad, & Connor

Congrats, Kayleigh!



## Jessica Christine Rolle

You are a seed of supernatural greatness that has been planted on Earth for a massive miracle!

Congratulations!

Your Loving Family



## Mikayla Colette Kyle

You will always be our little girl! You are going to soar to new heights and we are so proud of you!

We love you with all our hearts!

Mommy, Daddy & Paige





MADISON SETNESS

CON MODELING



## Madison Setness

From our little Princess to Battlefield school President, we've enjoyed watching you grow into a talented and optimistic young lady.

You have so much to offer this world and it will be just as fun to watch you grow through college and into your career.

*We're proud of you!*

Mom, Dad,  
Garrison & Mason



## Erin Buchanan



All of us are very proud of you and all that you've accomplished. We know you'll do great things at the University of Illinois! GO ILLINI!

Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor and Keith



## CONGRATS TY!



"WHEREVER YOU FLY,  
YOU'LL BE THE BEST OF THE BEST.  
WHEREVER YOU GO,  
YOU WILL TOP ALL THE REST."

— OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!  
DR. SEUSS

**WE ♥ YOU MOM, ASHLEIGH  
AUBREY, BEN & LONDON**

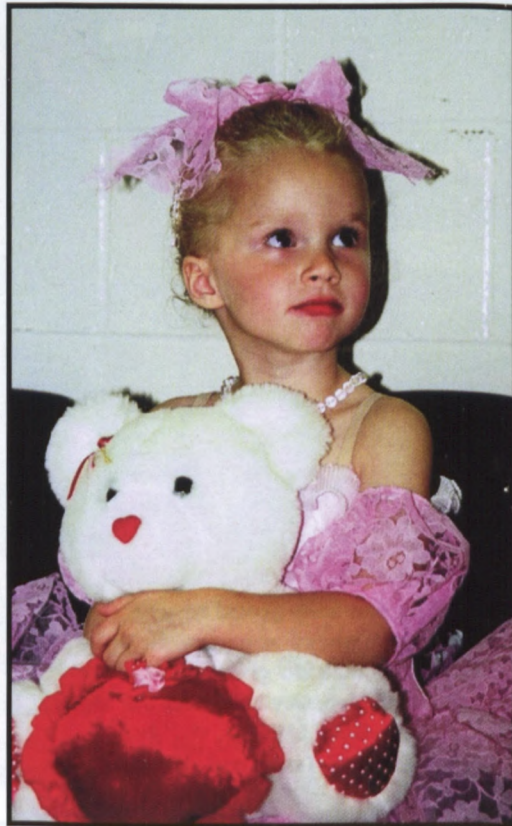
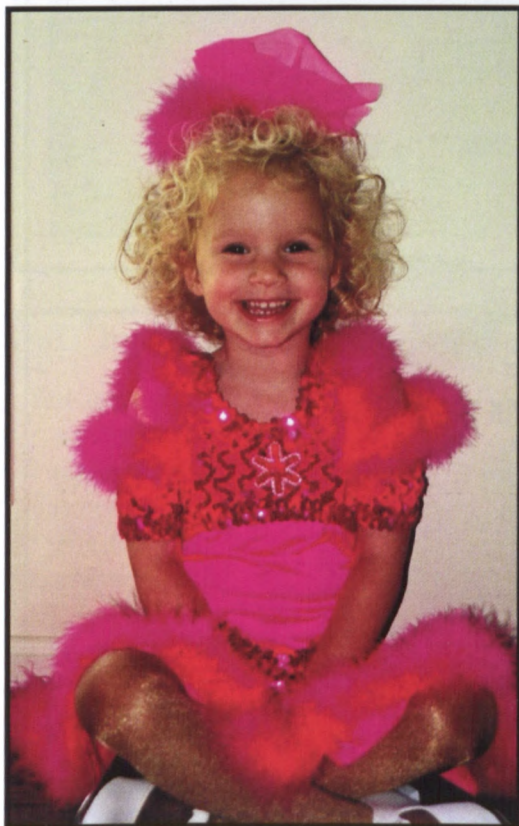
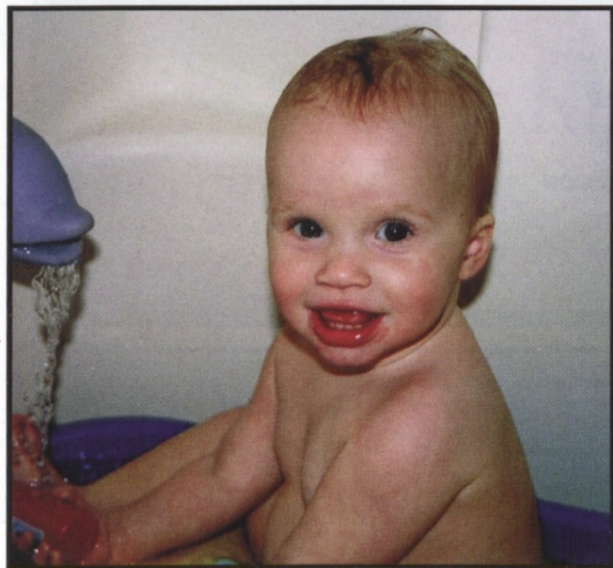
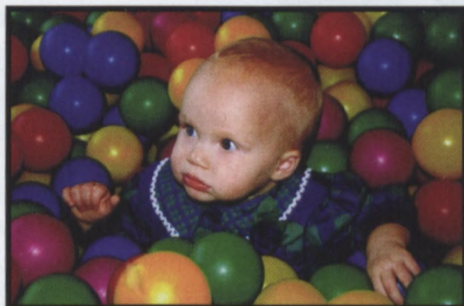




# Rachel Massey

We are very proud of  
you,  
and love you so much!

Mom, Dad and Trey





Lauren,  
We are so proud of the young lady you have become.  
Your laugh, your smile, your kind heart, your loyalty and compassion all make you who you are.  
Thank you for being such an amazing daughter and sister, we truly have been blessed.  
Dream big, listen to your heart and always know that you are loved as you begin your journey  
through the next chapters of your life. Your hard work, perseverance and strength have paid off!  
With all our love, we offer our congratulations,  
Mom, Dad and Katelynn

## Lauren Ashley Cook

Lauren,  
We are proud of  
the loving, thoughtful,  
enthusiastic young woman  
you have become.  
You give from your heart.  
You possess a quiet strength  
and dignity.  
You are a constant light in  
our lives.  
We love you.  
Granny & Poppy Cook

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance  
I hope you dance! We love you!  
Grandma & Grandad Knisley

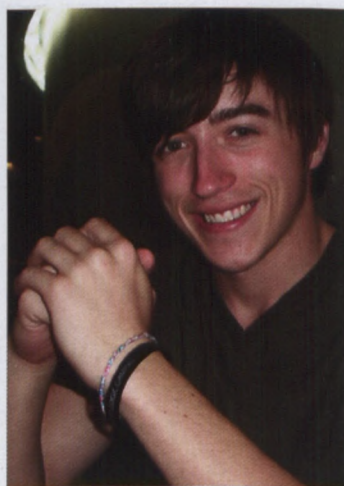


## Tyler Richard Theal

"Our Son"

We wish you  
the strength to  
face challenges with  
confidence...  
along with the  
wisdom to choose  
your battles carefully...

We wish you  
adventure on your journey and  
may you always  
stop to help  
someone along the way...  
Listen to your heart and  
take risks carefully...  
Remember how much  
you are loved...  
We are so very proud  
of you!"  
Love you to the moon and  
back,  
Dad, Mom, Madison, Hannah,  
Nanny and Pop Pop

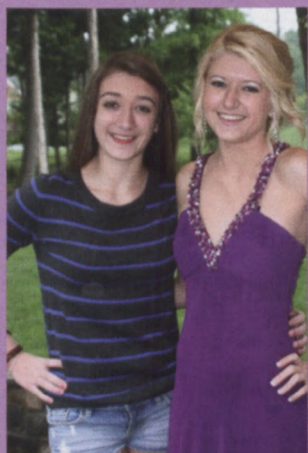


Alexandra,  
Congratulations! Your strength of spirit and character combined with  
your intelligence are a wonder to us. Watching you grow into the  
beautiful, loving, caring young woman you are has been a blessing. We  
know that you will continue to succeed at whatever life brings your  
way. Keep your faith in the Lord and in yourself. Go forth daughter and  
do well.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared  
to what lies within us" – Ralph Waldo Emerson

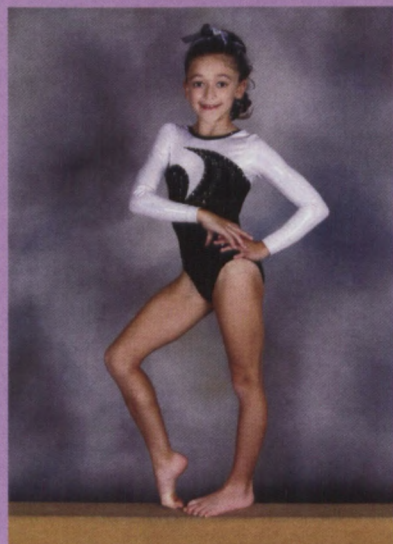






## Rebecca Henry

We are so honored and proud to be your family. Your tenacious inner drive for experiencing life and your constant endeavor toward higher learning are inspirational. We are thrilled to support you as you continue your journey. Here's to an amazing young woman! Infinite love, Mom, Dad & Rachel



## Kelly McGillivray



Kelly, Don't ever lose your love of life! Whether you are hanging with friends (two or four legged), or riding horses, you find fun in everything you do and we love the crazy you! XOXO Mom, Dad and Eric!



## Lauren G. Lopes



Lauren,  
You have grown right before our eyes. Thank you for being such a vivacious and caring young lady. Stay focused on your goals but have fun with life.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Mario, Theodore & Gromit

## Connor Barreft

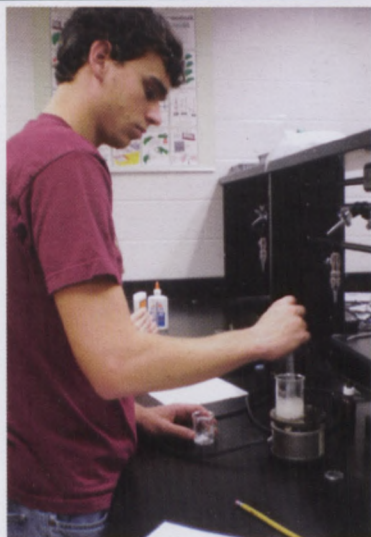
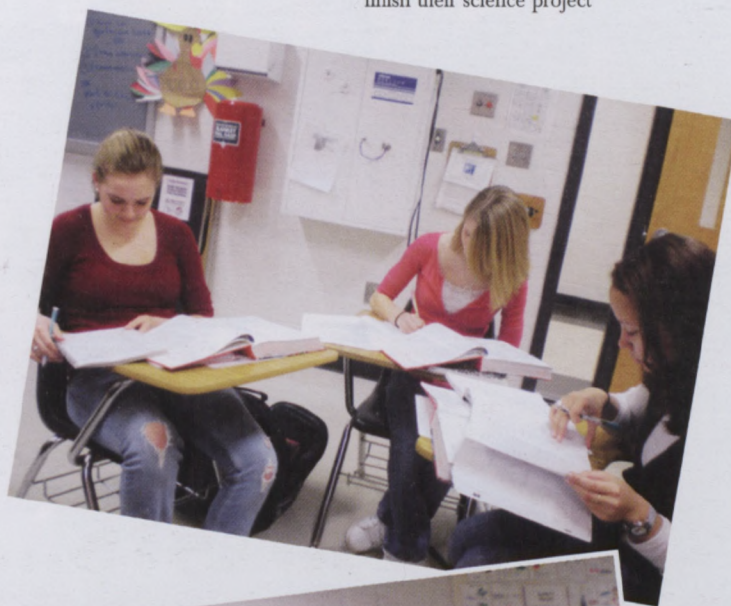


To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment. R.W. Emerson  
We are so proud of who you are!  
With Love, Mom and Dad





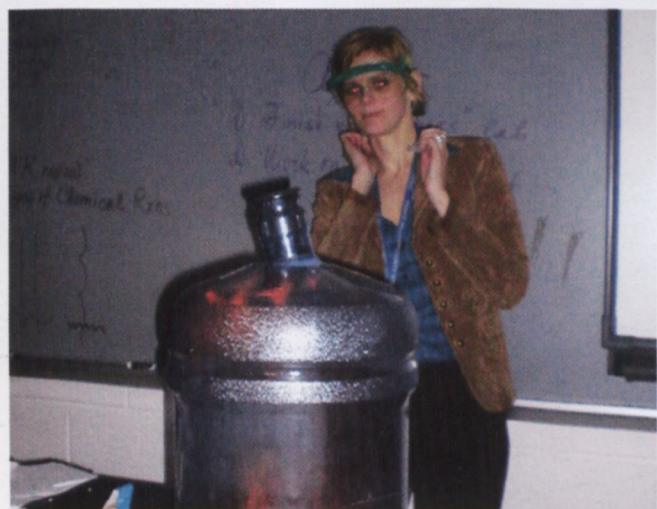
Below: Students work together in class to finish their science project



Above: Senior Darren Driscoll heats up the slime.  
Below Kelsey Gardener cleans out the glue from the test tube.

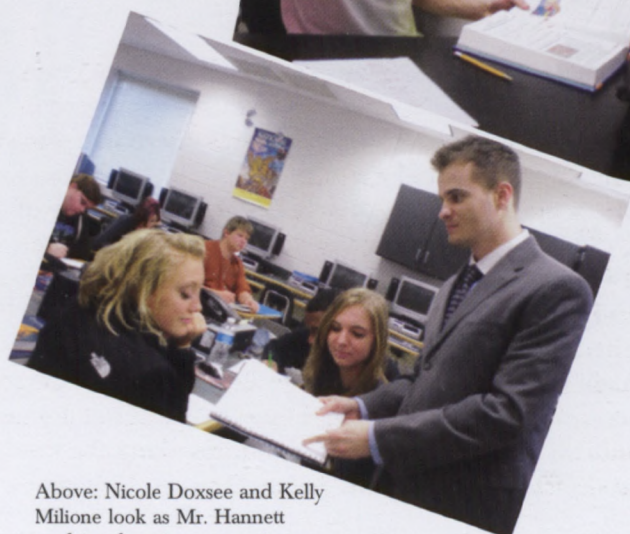


Below Mrs. Renberg conducts an eye-catching experiment for her students.



Left: Students work on a science lab before Christmas Break

Right: Andy Utterback looks for assistance in class.

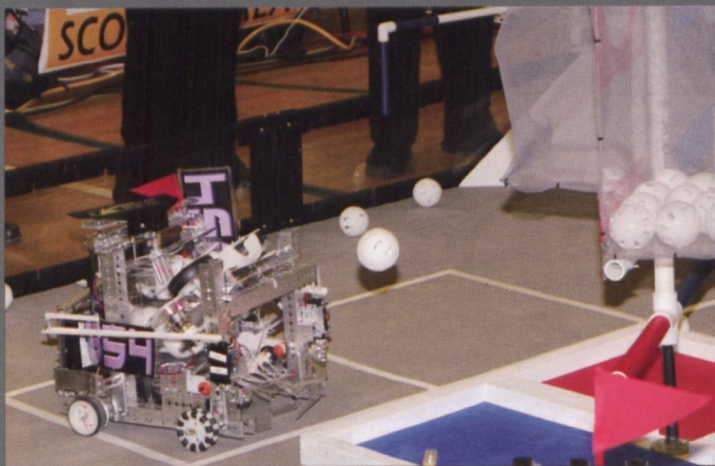


Above: Nicole Doxsee and Kelly Milione look as Mr. Hannett explains the science equation to them.

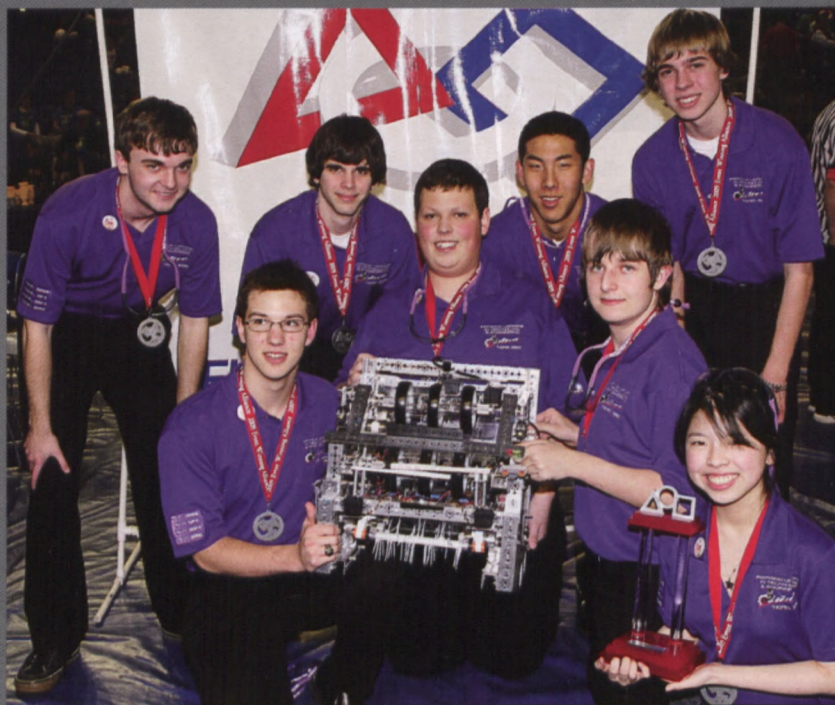




Team 1885: Top Row: Kevin Lee, Andrew Riley, Tyler Hambric, Alex Fabian, Bobby Harmon, Thomas Farewell, Alejandro Lopez, Daniel Rhodes, Cary Reese, William Lahann, Brady Power, Kyle Missar, Brain Christiansen, Cory Bray, Meg Guckenberger, Paul Lahann - Mentor 2nd row: Steen Hambric - Mentor, Michael Yoon, Tyler Sosamay, Mike Wood, Joseph Hillhouse, Tommy Ehrenzeller, Kyle Smith, Mary Barthelson, Nick Nelson, Matt Mannix, Piam Moriadi, Neal Barker, Greg Kelso, Jesse Knight - Mentor 3rd row: Shelia Burgess - Mentor, Raineer Rabina, Kaylyn Drake, Brandon Eagle, Than Tranh, Natalie Jones, Justin Smith, Roya Rezadoost, Chris Sardent, Garrett Ormond, Buddy Burgess, Mike Snyder - Assistant Coach 4th row (bottom): Seth Hutchins - Mentor, Jason Keller, Melanie Sattler, Kevin Song, Jacob Laverty, Terry Jones, Audrey Choi, Abdus Khan, David Powell, Kelsy Shiner, Daniel Lopez, Ali Zhadi, Gail Drake - Coach



Above: FTC Team 354 Shooting into the High Goal.



Above: The FTC Team 1885 is all smiles after Their State Win: Greg Kelso, Neal Barker, Jacob Cohen, Kevin Lee, Tyler Hambric, Kyle Missar, Buddy Burgess, Audrey Choi





Above: Team 1885 at D.C. Competition: Buddy Burgess, Kyle Missar, Tyler Sosamay, Tiffany Cable, Audrey Choi, Andrew Riley, Jacob Cohen, Kaylyn Drake, Michael Watkinson, Bobby Harmon, Alex Fabian, Than Tranh, Engie Mohsen, Jacob Laverty, Mary Barthelson, Tyler Hambric, William Lahaan, Brittney Heath



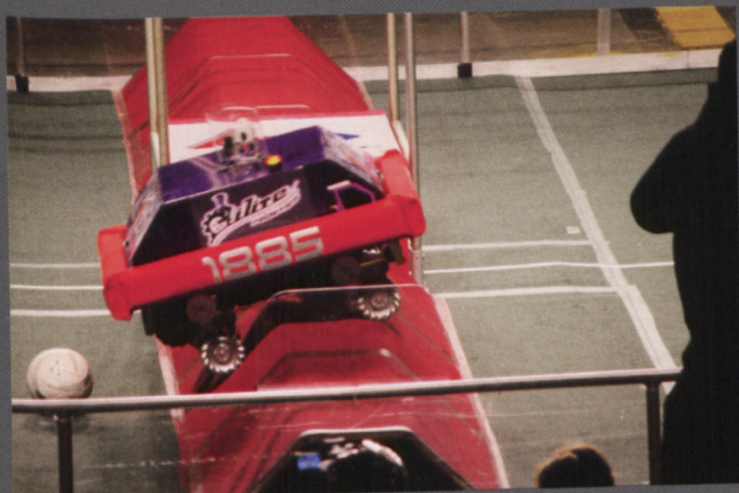
Right: ILITE Member Prepared to Speak in Front of the Pit: Bobby Harmon, Brittney Heath, Mary Barthelson, Greg Kelso

## Info-Technology & Robotics Battlefield's

# Claim to Fame



Left: This Year's FRC Robot - Lite-Strike.



Above: Lite-Strike Traverses the Bump at the D.C. Regional Competition.

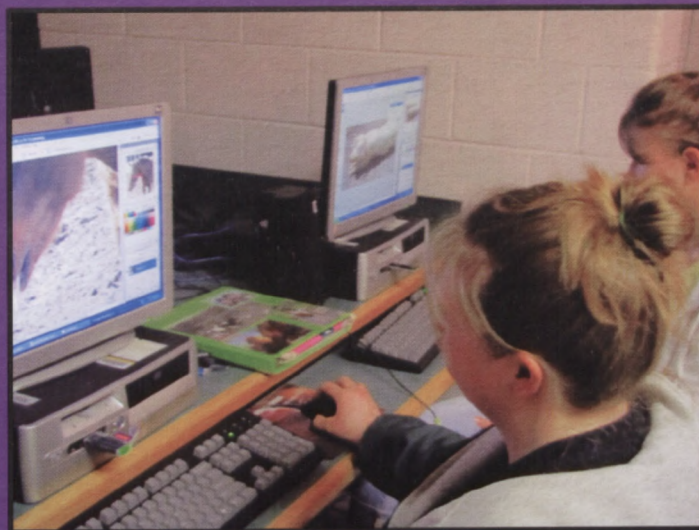
ILITE Robotics (Inspiring Leaders in Technology and Engineering) is a key program here at Battlefield, lead by Ms. Drake. Robots of all shapes and sizes are designed, built, and programmed by the students to compete in many different competitions. ILITE Robotics travels to competitions around the country ranging from Washington, D.C. to Atlanta, GA. The FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) robot, known as Lite-Strike, finished in the quarterfinals at this year's D.C. Regional. The smaller FTC (FIRST Technology Challenge) robots participated in multiple competitions around the area coming in 1st place multiple times, as well as winning a plethora of awards: Inspire, Think, Design, Innovate, Connect, and Motivate. ILITE Robotics attended the World Championship in Atlanta in April. In addition to the robots built by students, ILITE members reach out into their community by mentoring elementary school FIRST Lego League (FLL) teams. Furthermore, ILITE hosted an FLL tournament here at Battlefield, bringing nearly 100 elementary school students here to compete with their robots. Robotics is only the gateway to the technology world, these students will continue on to bigger and better things.



# A picture is worth a thousand words..

Everyone knows how to take pictures, but can you do it with passion and the excitement to click that one button that holds memories? Photography is magical; it can capture a still, perfect moment in time and save it forever. Senior Cassie Andoh says "Photography is being able to take pictures that express what you feel at the moment." This year, photography students got to set up their own studio and work like professionals. They got to work on certain topics and reveal their skills. "The recipe for a good picture is a background, a foreground, and nothing else," says senior Kat Thompson. Photography contests were held this year, which were open to all staff, faculty, and students. There was no limit on number of pictures and students got to share their talent school wide. Senior Vaughn Franklin says, "It's cool to take a picture of whatever you want and make it mean whatever you want".

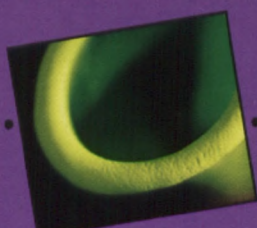
*Manjot Kaur & Samantha Ly*



Above: Senior Amanda Stanton and Senior Janine Wellington edit their pictures on their computers.

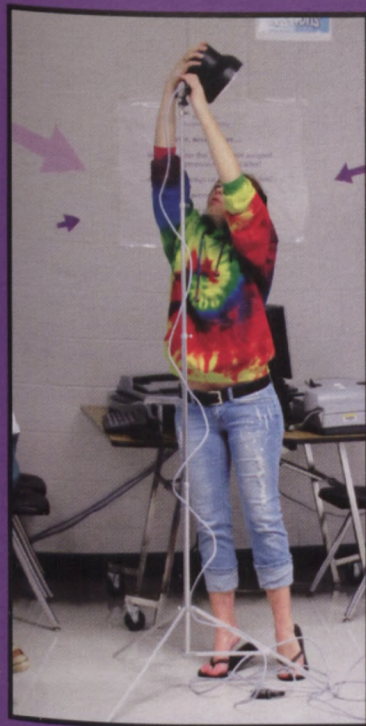


Above: Senior Ashleigh John takes pictures of Senior Holly Smallwood for their studio shot. Left: Senior Vaughn Franklin's picture was entered in a photography contest.





# Photography



Left: Senior Jessica Beardsley sets up the lights for the photo shoot.



Above: Junior Katherine Palmer and Junior Taylor Mayor clean their films.



Right: Senior Kat Thompson's Picture won 3rd place at the Water Art Contest.

"A good picture is when my sister goes 'Oooh, that's a good picture'."

- Allie Rash



Above: Senior Lindsay Bottos cuts her negatives before developing her pictures.

## RANDOM VIEWPOINTS



"Photography is light writing. It's eternal art that lets you express yourself."

**Luke Walters**



"Taking pictures is my hobby. It passes time while creating beautiful and sometimes unbelievable shots."

**Monica Wiggins**



"A good picture needs details. You'd be lucky if you could get that one perfect shot in one try."

**Josh Routt**



"Photography is the art of freezing a moment in time while time moves on and the moment disappears."

**Angel Morgan**



# Weight Lifting



Above: Mike Osei, Erin Smith, Turner Meeks, Lindsey Casteel, Max Whitticar and Haley Bureson take a break from pumping iron.

Weightlifting consists of using all the muscles in the body to improve an athlete's technique and strength. Here at Battlefield, many of our Bobcat athletes take weightlifting as a class so they can stay in shape all year long. This class also teaches the students to have self respect, trust, self discipline and confidence. The students must also be able to trust their trainers and peers as they are challenged to above and beyond what they thought they could reach. Teachers Robert Mello and Mark Cox coach the students to have proper technique in order to gain muscle efficiently and keep everyone safe in the training room. Not only is weightlifting a popular choice because it keeps you looking good, but because of the friendships that are made together just by "getting big."

*Tara Kinney & Ashley Dukeman*



Above: Erin Smith attempts to bench press as Lindsey Casteel spots her.



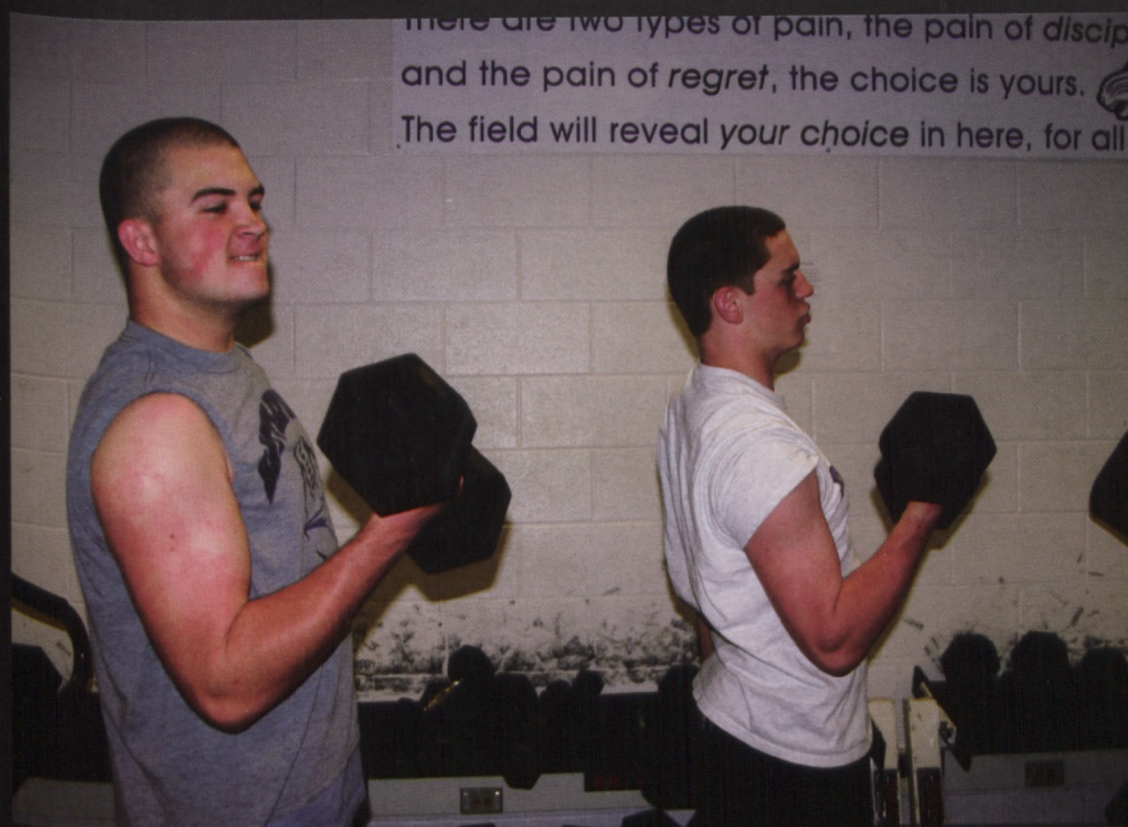
## *What does weightlifting mean to you?*

*Junior Turner Meeks: "Weightlifting is a great class where you can get big and our teacher, Coach Mello, always encourages us to work our hardest."*



Left: Tyler Key attempts a Military press.

## "MINUS TEN!"



Left: Turner Meeks and Chris Wendel lift weights to show off their muscles.



Left: Sara Firestone dramatically pulls out a paper to read it.

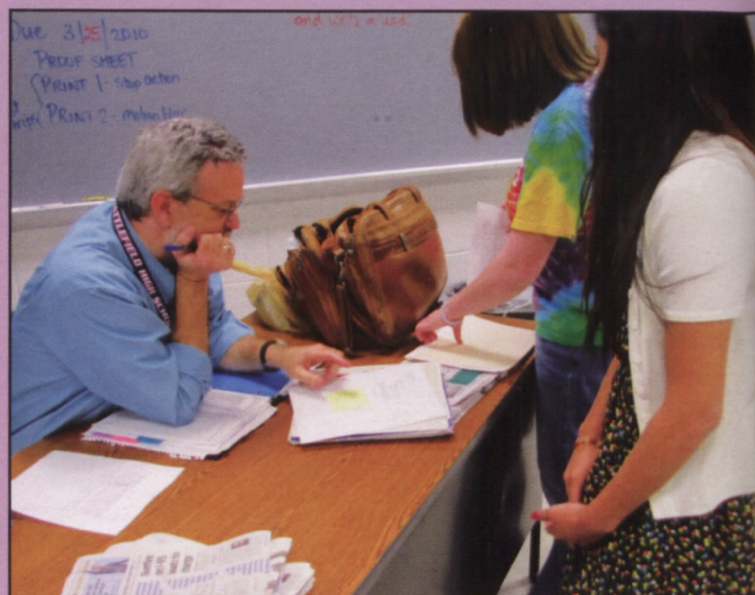
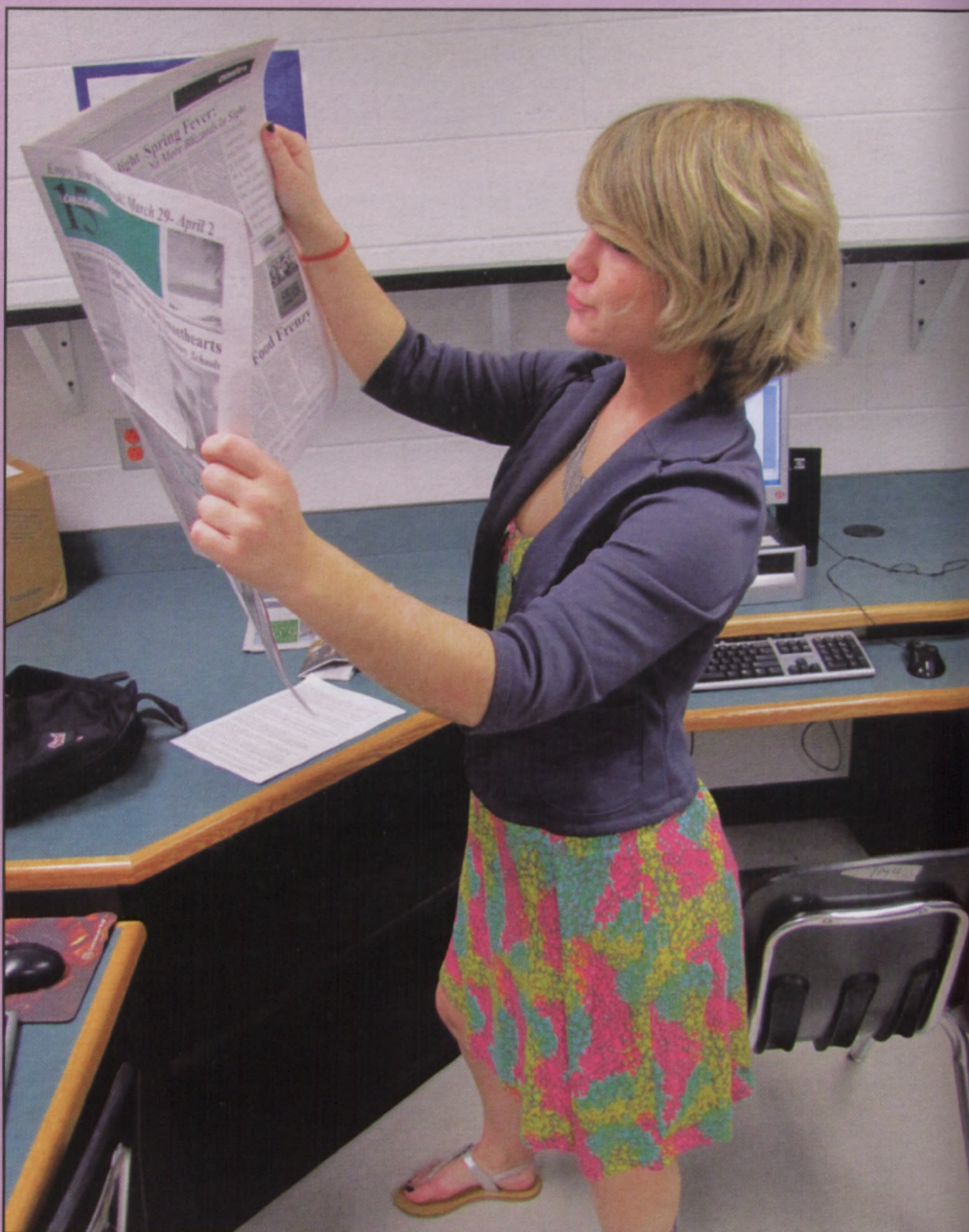
Below: Chloe Piercy reads over and edits her article.



Above: Caitlyn Cullik, Meghan Cree and Victoria Lemmon research for the class.



Above: Keegan Cooke, David Johnson, Sarah Kennedy, Claire McCleskey and Nicole Max are all smiles while working together in class.



Above: Mr. Cook helps his students with their articles.



# Journalism

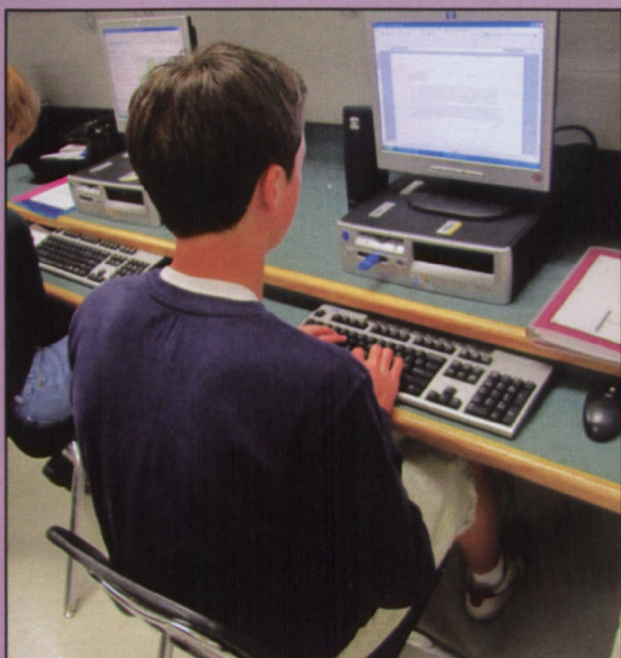
The thing that makes Journalism unique is that it contains many of the best writers, provides much interest in other individuals, and is inspirational to many readers. Ever wonder who writes newspapers? Journalists have everything to do with it, clearly showing that they have a huge role in the community, just as Sarah Kennedy says, "I love seeing my name in the paper."

The journalism students here at Battlefield can clearly become an inspiration to other individuals across the nation, with the help of their inspirational teacher, Mr. Cook. America needs these students to make a difference for our future.

Below: Addison Smith and Claire Olsen research and type their articles during their class.



Below: Keegan Cooke and Nicole Max work together to complete an assignment.



Above: David Schnorbus types his copy for the Battlefield newspaper.



Above: Senior Lindsay Bottos writes down her thoughts.



# Yearbook

From the first day of school until the last, the yearbook staff worked hard to bring you this book. It took countless hours, during school and after. The yearbook staff dedicated themselves to make the best book possible, that's why it's in all color! The editors, seniors Carly Glenn and Hannah Yelinek and teacher Ms. Hackett, had the hardest jobs of all. They not only created spreads, but also checked and proofed everyone else's. Without this class, there wouldn't be a way to put our wonderful BHS memories down on paper. Although the staff changes every year, they all have the same goal, making a great book for you to enjoy.



Above: Sabrena Fary works on her SCA spread



Above: Madihah Zubair and Allison Michelli work on their yearbook spreads



Above: Samantha Ly, Manjot Kaur, and Stella Kim identify people in the yearbook

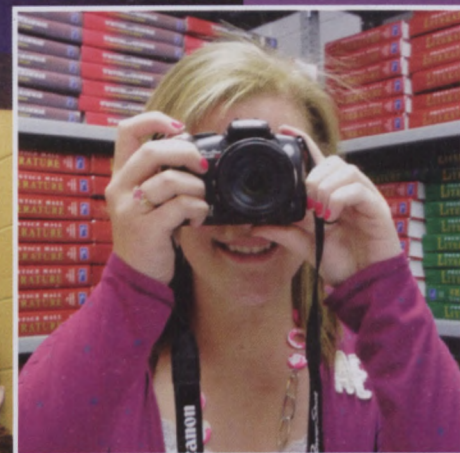


Above: Tara Kinney and Ashley Dukeman look through a past yearbook



Above: Editors, Hannah Yelinek and Carly Glenn pose for a picture



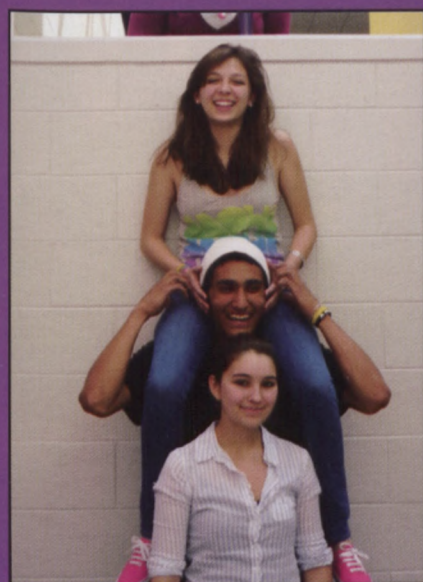


Above: Rachael Schortemeyer takes a picture. [CLICK!](#)



Left: Dana Robeson and Steve Keeler sort through pictures during class.

Right: Brittany Bowman, Corey Eybers, and Kendall Williams pose for a picture.



Left: Krystin Kauzor, Juan Guerra, and Rhyen McKee have fun in yearbook.

Right: Heather Duffy paints a poster advertising the yearbook.





# Our Final Goodbye

The time has come, Class of 2010! We're on our own. We can finally say goodbye to high school. No more tardies, Saturday schools, or waiting three seconds after the bell is supposed to ring. Say "Goodbye" to school lunches, the attendance office, security, and over crowded halls. All we have now are memories. Remember our first year waking through the halls, not knowing what to expect? Now we'll stride down the halls for our last time, remembering the football games, spirit weeks, pep rallies and homecomings. Meeting up with your friends in between classes will just be memories. We had a lot of laughs, jokes, cliques, friends, good times, bad times and drama, but it is time to leave being a high school teenager to become an adult. We will be missed by friends, teachers and our administrators. We're off to face the world now. Although we're going separate ways and splitting apart, we will still look back at our days at Battlefield. And, no matter what, even years from now, we will still be connected together as the

**CLASS OF 2010!**

*Jennifer Villatoro*



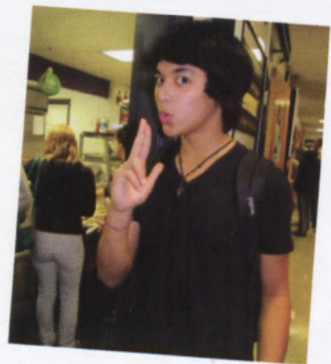




### *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* Dr. Seuss

Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places! You're off and away. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go. You won't lag behind, because you'll have the speed. You'll pass the whole gang and you'll soon take the lead. Wherever you fly, you'll be best of the best, you will top all the rest. Except when you *don't*. Because sometimes you *won't*. I'm sorry to say so but, sadly, it's true that Bang-ups and Hang-ups *can* happen to you. You'll get mixed up of course, as you already know. You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.) KID YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS! So. . . be yourname Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecia Ali Van Allen O'Shea, you're off to Greedy Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So. . . *get on your way!*







# *perfect* Goodbye...

## *community*

The following pages are filled with memories shared by the Class of 2010 that have shaped their lives – dedications to the people, places and events that have made the last four years so memorable. Here, we are giving those special people - the parents, grandparents, siblings and friends - the opportunity to wish them farewell from this chapter of their life and good luck on the upcoming journey upon which they are about to embark.

Whether our seniors are choosing to pursue their dreams, further their studies or go into the work force, we wish them all the best in making the most of their lives. Our desire is that these young adults become the perfect person they once dreamed of becoming. Our wish for the Class of 2010 is to follow their true passions in life and achieve what they have always dreamed of. It will be hard to say goodbye to the friends known since elementary school as your paths in life finally divide and although your days together and times at Battlefield will only be a memory, the legacy that the Class of 2010 has left behind will always live.

The Class of 2010 is truly made up of students who, as a whole, make **The Perfect 10**. Congratulations once and for all to the Class of 2010. The decision of how your life plays out is now up to you, but remember, *never settle for less than your own sense of perfection.*

*Hannah Yelinek*





# Mandy Brown



You Can If You Think You Can!

*If you think you are beaten, you are,  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you like to win, but you think you can't,  
It is almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world you'll find,  
Success begins with a fellow's will.  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you are outclassed, you are,  
You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man.  
But soon or late the man who wins,  
Is the man who thinks he can.*

- Anonymous





## Raine Alia Petrella

*Your hard work, perseverance, and strength of character paid off. You are a 2010 graduate!*

*Congratulations!! Take time to celebrate your accomplishment. You truly deserve it!*

*As you head to college, remember to stay true to all you know is right. While the road may seem long at times, it will be one well traveled, with no regrets, full of cherished memories, and one that will lead you to your dreams.*

*God blessed us beyond belief when you became our daughter and sister and we hold each memory with you tenderly in our hearts. You brighten our world with your beautiful blue eyes, warm smile, generous heart and fun loving style. You Rock!!*

*Love always... Mom, Dad and Mariah*



*Lauren,*

*We are so proud of you!*

*Congratulations!!*

*And don't forget, the best is yet to come...*

*Krystyn*

*&*

*Allie*

*Chris*

*&*

*Nick*

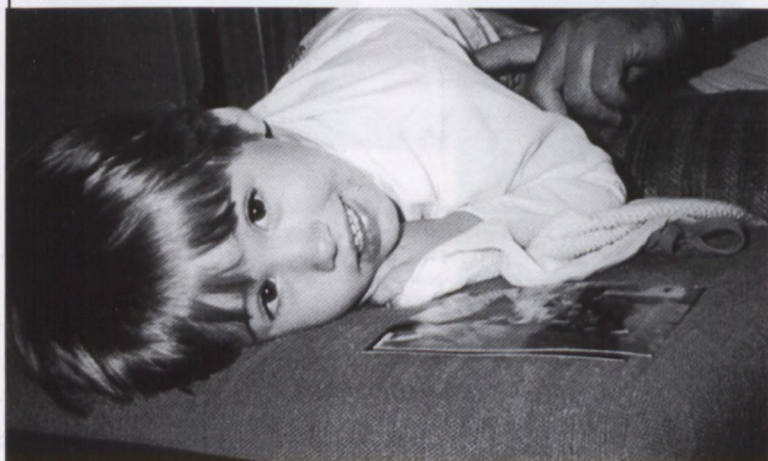
*Mike*

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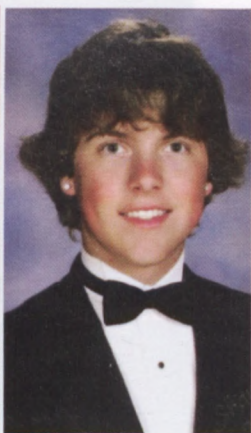
*Mom*



## Lauren Rash







Shawn Michael Miller

Our Dear Shawn,

Your journey has just begun. Enjoy every minute of what life has to offer. We are so proud of who you have become. Continue to be true to yourself and reach for the stars.

Fly now, you are so ready!

We love you,  
Mom & Dad



Kevin Lopez

Dear Kevin,

You've been looking forward to this moment for a long time. As you graduate, Son, reach for the stars, dream big, reach high, never give up, believe...achieve. After all, look what you've already accomplished. You are such a wonderful son and brother.

We're so proud of you. God bless you and our best wishes for you.

Love, DAD, MOM, Glenn, Ashley, Hailey & All Family (Peru-USA)



Callen Greenberg

We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Michelle



Cassandra Hickey

Congratulations, Cassie!

You don't need a destination - just go somewhere in life.

We are proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Alex

Matthew Bowman

Congratulations!  
We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad,  
Patrick and Elizabeth



Taylor Danielle Cordle



"BooBoo",

Words can't express what you have meant to your Daddy, Mama, Bubby and Sissy. You have been, and continue to be such a blessing and inspiration to us with your character, values, morals and walk with Christ. We look forward to what God has in store for you the next four years at SNU with missions, teaching, basketball and the rest of your life. Always remember - "God only gives us what we can handle."

Philippians 4:10, 11  
Timothy 4:12

Love,  
Your Mama



Casey Wagner

Casey,  
You have brought tremendous joy and laughter to us! Always trust your instincts and follow your dreams! We believe in you!

Love,  
Mom and Dad





## AMANDA LYNN KEENEY

We can't believe that our little girl is all grown up -- where did the years go? It doesn't feel that long ago that we were at the beach taking this picture. We hope you will never forget the special vacations and funny moments we have shared. We love the happy, smart, witty and let's not forget BEAUTIFUL young lady that you have become.

We wish you all the success in life and may all of your dreams come true!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Colleen Savoia

Colleen,

Throughout the years,  
your smile and laughter  
has brightened our days.  
We are so very proud of  
you and can't wait to see  
what the future holds.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Anna and  
Morgan



## Kimberly Elizabeth Esteban



You have grown into an amazing young lady. We couldn't be any prouder of you and all of your accomplishments.

Follow your dreams, reach for the stars, the world is yours for the taking. We will always be there for you and love you so very much.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jacob, Vivian and Jonathan



## Keith Pederson

Best of luck to our Renaissance Man.

With love,  
Mom, Dad, Katie, Chris & Kyle





## Jenna Irvin



Dear Jenna,

We have enjoyed every moment of watching you grow into an amazing young woman. Congratulations and best wishes as you begin your journey through the next chapters of your life.

All our love,  
Mom & Dad



## Carly Glenn

Carly,

No matter what road you choose to travel, we know you'll be a huge success!

Love,

Mom, Dad & Tyler (Maggie, Maisy & Milo)



## Christopher Thomas Spring

From the moment you were born, and I looked into those big blue eyes,

I knew my little boy would forever touch other people's lives.

Remember...

work for what you want, live for what you love, always share your heart of gold, you have so much to give. We are so proud of you and love you so much!

Love, Mom, Dad, Bobby, Mikey & Auntie Anne



## Scott Kriss

It's been fun watching your whirlwind of activities and accomplishments throughout high school! We have no doubt you will be just as successful in college and beyond. We're so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Daryn, Megan, Emily, Taylor, Amanda & Joe



## Katelyn Hettmann



We're as proud of you now as we were back then!

We love you!

Mom, Dad,  
Danielle &  
Chelle



## Jessica Beardsley

Congratulations,  
Jessica!

We love you.

Dad, Mom & Anna





## Daniel Grinnell

Daniel,  
We are so proud of the fine young man you have become...funny, smart, thoughtful and caring. Remember, "You may be whatever you resolve to be". Your future is bright and we wish you much happiness and success in the years to come!

Love, Mom & Dad



## Nick "Howie" Jones



Congratulations Nick!

We are so very proud of the young man you've become! We can't wait to see what your future holds.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

## Andrew Bacenet

*Fly into the heavens,  
Soar past the stars,  
Gather your dreams,  
Close to your heart.*

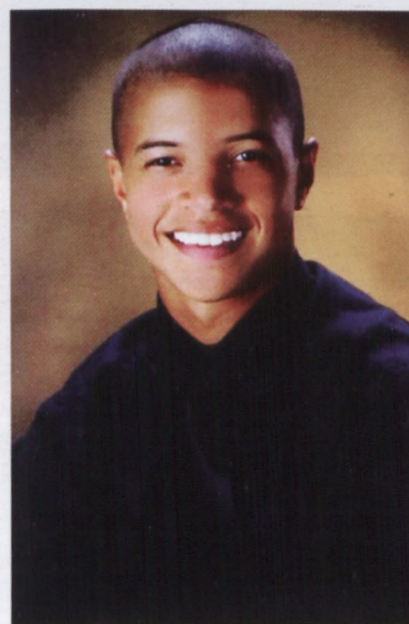


## Colin Land

From Ohio, to California, to Colorado, to Florida, to Virginia. Academics, football, chorus, lacrosse, Eagle Scout, actor, Youth Salute, Youth Leader. You did it all!

You were tenacious. You never quit. We are so very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad  
Melissa, Vaughn, Isabella







## Thomas V. Farewell, IV

Where did the time go, it seems like just a few years ago you were pretending to be a dinosaur, drawing pictures for the fridge, and watching the Magic School Bus. Although we miss that little boy we love the intelligent and talented young man that you have turned out to be. We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You have created many special memories for all of us which we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We are so blessed to have you as a son and brother and we wish you success in all that you do.

As you move forward, take time to enjoy life, strive to reach your goals, keep your family and traditions close, and God in your heart to guide you. We will be right there beside you!

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, & Ryan



Tommy Boy,

Being the heart of our jokes over the years has surely been a key component to your strong character and great personality. We are delighted that we have been able to help you become who you are today and look forward to seeing who you become tomorrow. We wish you nothing but the best as you move to the next phase of life and want you to know that we will always be there for you.

Love,  
Steve & Brandon



To Our Grandson Tommy,

You have been so special to us since the day you were born. You have given us so much joy and many wonderful memories. We are proud of your many achievements. Congratulations and much success to you in the future.

We Love You,  
Nanny & Pa



Thomas,

It is a great pleasure to have you as a grandson. The funny things we have shared, the laughs, introducing me to Jack Black movies and so much more. Continue to make us proud of you and to make many more happy memories.

Love,  
Grandma Farewell

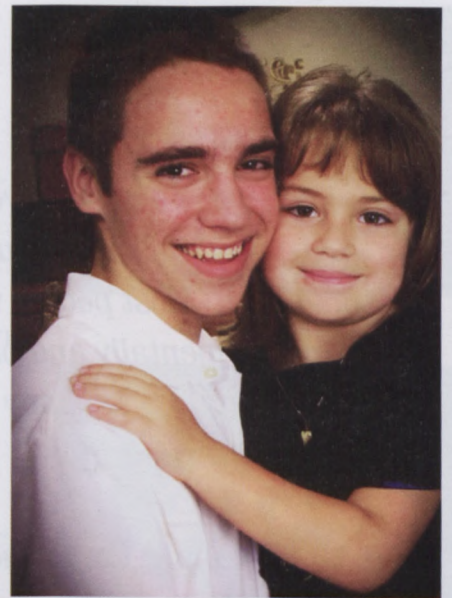




## Frankie Petricoin

*"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."*

-- Theodore Roosevelt



Frankie,  
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished,  
but most of all, we are proud of who you are. We  
could not have asked for a better son and brother.  
Always know we are here for you!

We love you so much.

Mom, Dad & Sophia



## Ramsey McRory

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".*

Congratulations on a job well  
done - now on to the next  
chapter in your life!

Jeremiah 29:11

Love, Granddaddy, Nana,  
Uncle Buddy, Aunt Nell,  
Mom, Dad & Ivey





# Reed Miller

*Reed we cannot believe you are graduating and off to college, it has flown by way too fast. We are so proud of what you have accomplished academically and you are always striving for a personal best. Most people will not find what truly makes them happy until years later, but you have worked mentally and physically hard to accomplish your life and MMA goals. We love you and are so proud and happy with how you have handled yourself. Much love and success for the next chapter of your life.*

*Dad, Mom, Ronnie, Carin and Ryan*





## Christine Golder

Christine,

*Every parent should be so lucky as to have a daughter like you. You have brought so much joy and sunshine into the lives of everyone around you. Your enduring determination, hope and faith in all you do will lead to much peace and contentment as you follow your dreams.*

*You are a beautiful, talented, young lady, and we have every confidence that we will see you achieve much success and happiness in the years to come. Your warmth and generosity of spirit will continue to touch others around you. We are so very proud of you and all love you so much.*

*Michael, Matthew, Dad and Mom*



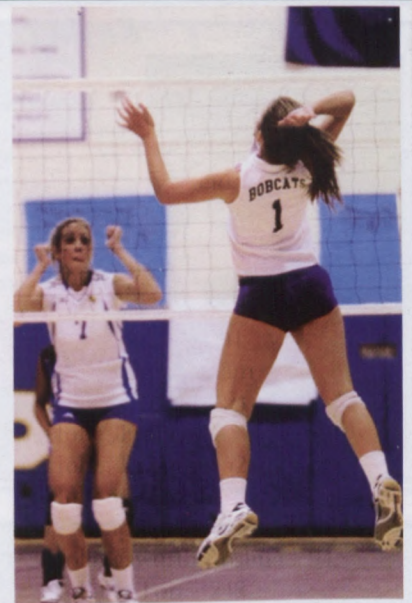
## Alison Fullerton

Alison,

*Not only are you beautiful on the outside, but you're beautiful on the inside as well. We are so proud of you and your achievements in school and volleyball. Your family loves you and knows you will continue to do well in college.*

Love,

*Mom, Dad, Sammy, Erin & Shannon*





## Nykea' Shabree Fountain

### Nykea' Our Bright Star

Nykea' you are our daily sunshine. Watching you grow up into a smart, beautiful, kind and sweet young lady has made us proud. Your many scholarship offers truly show your unique ability and motivation to learn. As you have accepted the challenge and scholarship to Grambling State University, you have made us proud. Embark on this year of "2010", because the years ahead of you are full of success.

We love you,  
Mom, Mom-Mom, Pop-Pop and Darryl



## Amanda Stanton

Amanda:

*Such a wonderful person you  
have grown up to be,  
You have something amazing that  
is apparent to me.*

*Proud and Happy of all you  
achieve,  
In our Shining Star we will  
always believe.*

## Melody Ann Henke

We are very proud of you!  
You have grown not only into a  
beautiful young woman, but also  
a creative, thoughtful and  
responsible person.

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Stephanie



*Forever follow your dreams  
and believe in yourself.  
Wishing you happiness and  
success.*

*With lots of love on your  
graduation day and always.  
Congratulations!*

Mom, Dad, Cory & Lily



## Kayla L. Fowler

As one door closes,  
another one opens. You  
have a wonderful world  
of opportunities ahead.  
Enjoy every moment! I  
am so very proud of you  
and the beautiful person  
you have become. You  
are my heart and soul!

I love you,  
Mom



## Darren Driscoll

Darren,  
Congratulations on all  
of your academic and  
athletic  
accomplishments these  
past 12 years. We  
know your future will  
be great!  
~ Keep Running ~  
Love,  
Dad, Mom & Jason



## Maria Babauta

Go confidently in the  
direction of your dreams.  
Live the life you have  
imagined.

- Henry David Thoreau

Maria, we love you.

Dad, Mom, Angelica &  
Matthew



## Mahima Kakarlamudi

*Our Darling Mahima,*

*We love You*

*We believe in You*

*We wish You the very best always*

*We know You are TOO good*

*Kakarlamudis & Digumartis*





## Brian Eanes

**"Don't cry because it's over – Smile because it happened." – Dr. Seuss**



**Congratulations and Good Luck-- We Love You!**



## Alexa Dandrea

*From ribbons and curls to perfume and make-up, we have watched you grow into a beautiful and talented young woman. As the time grows closer for you to walk the world in your own way, remember to cherish the memories, laugh from the soul, and love with all you have.*

*We are so proud of you!*



*With love and respect,  
Mom, Dad and Ryan*



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## Lexi Cleary

*You entered our lives and never stopped amazing us!*

*You are incredible and we are so proud of you "Lexi"*

*We love you  
Not only for what you are,  
But for what we are  
When we are with you.*

*We love you  
Not only for what you have made of yourself,  
But for what you are making of others.*

*We love you  
For drawing out into the light  
The beautiful things that others cannot see*

*You do this  
Not with a word,  
a touch,  
or a sign.  
You have done it  
By being your beautiful self!*

*Congratulations! Always follow your dreams!*

*We Love You as Big as the Sky!*

*Mom, Dad, & Chelsea*



## Kirk Noé

From snow forts to  
concerts and every  
stage (and we really  
do mean stage) in  
between ...

We are so  
proud of you  
and we love  
you very much!

*Mom & Dad*



Jennifer Villatoro,

Hey you PYT why dont you unzip  
my body, take my heart out Cause  
Whats love got to do wit it! I think  
you and me can write a bad romance  
because wakin up in the morning  
with you is like a Thriller And even  
though sometimes when you say  
mean things its tearin up my heart  
but you know what, Im going to hold  
on to the times we had tonight. Since  
you cant always be here just know  
that, near, far, wherever you are I  
believe that the heart will go on And  
I will always love you

Bye Bye Bye  
Love Stephanie and Cici



## Jennifer Villatoro

Jenny, it's not easy to see and know how  
grown up your becoming, your a young  
lady now. We are so proud of you and  
happy to see what you've become, but  
remember this is only the beginning and  
you've got a long way to go. We're  
always here for you and make all your  
dreams come true.

Love, Mommy and Daddy



Dear Jennifer,  
It's so good your graduating and I hope you  
learned a lot! I love you so much and I hope you  
be happy the rest of your life!  
Love, Jeffrey

Jennifer, I've known you since you were about 6.  
I've seen you grow up. When you graduate I hope  
you don't get into a lot of trouble (without me).  
Live your life and get the most out of it. -Christian



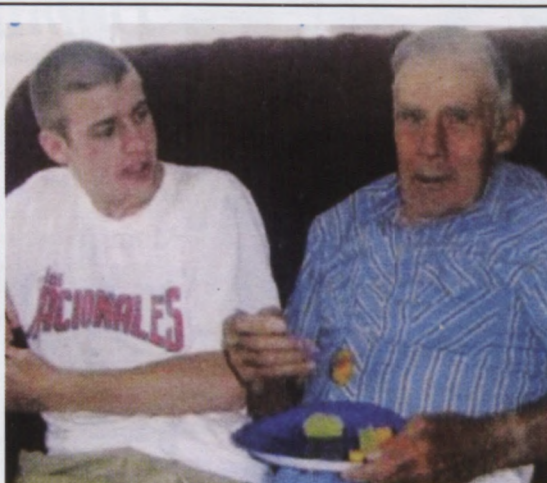




## Meagan Ramsey

CONGRATULATIONS to our beautiful daughter on her high school graduation! We would like to say thank-you for being such a wonderful blessing in our lives. When you came into this world 18 years ago, we knew that you were destined to be something truly great. It has been the best experience in our lives to raise you and watch you grow into such a strong, confident, amazingly smart, beautiful young woman. We know the military life has not been an easy road for you with the many moves we have had over the years. Yet, you have showed such great strength, poise, determination and adaptability to make the best out of anywhere you go or anything you do. I know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do with your life. You make friends easily and have traveled the world leaving a trail of hearts you have touched, so we know you can handle whatever life throws at you. **WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

*We Love you, Pumpkin seed!*  
Mom and Dad



## Mike Mowery

Mike,  
It's hard to believe the little boy who wanted to go out in the snow with no gloves, couldn't stand when his older sister scored a goal before him in their soccer game and who was Barney and Friends' biggest fan has grown into a terrific, young man. You are not only special in our eyes, but Grandma would be so happy to see you buckle that seat belt and make trips to McDonald's with Dan and Amanda now-a-days. Granddad will always have your bedroom available fair week. Congratulations on your graduation and we all know you will continue making us proud.

We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Dan, Amanda, Hannah and Granddad



*Mike AKA Mom and Dad's favorite child,*

*I am so proud of you! I know you will do great in college and everything that happens after that. Thank you so much for being such a great role model to me [:*

*Love, your favorite sister,  
Hannah*



## Hunter Buchanan



Hunter,

As we share with you these heartfelt words of emotion, it is with much long and sincere respect that we anticipate your future to be filled with prosperity and guided by the principles of faith and integrity, and we pray that you shall demonstrate upon every opportunity an undaunted courage in reaching beyond the ideals of triviality and mediocrity.

We have watched you grow from the mischievous adventures of childhood into a generous and unpretentious young man with high moral values and exceptional standards. In you our pride abounds and with humble admiration we congratulate you on your many accomplishments.

May your petitions be just and your decisions be found with favor amongst those who follow you as well as those of whom you might serve. Above all else may God bless you and watch over you in all ways.

Our Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Alexandra Latham

Good luck, Alibaba!

Love, Momma Bear,  
Daddio and Broski

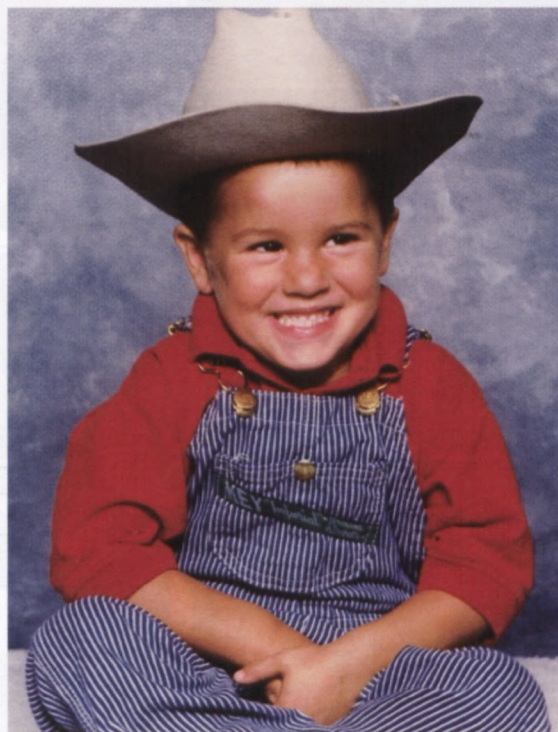


## Dominic Ciavarro

Congratulations Donkey Jr, You did it!

We love you!

Mom, Roger, Aunt Melissa and Uncle Jim



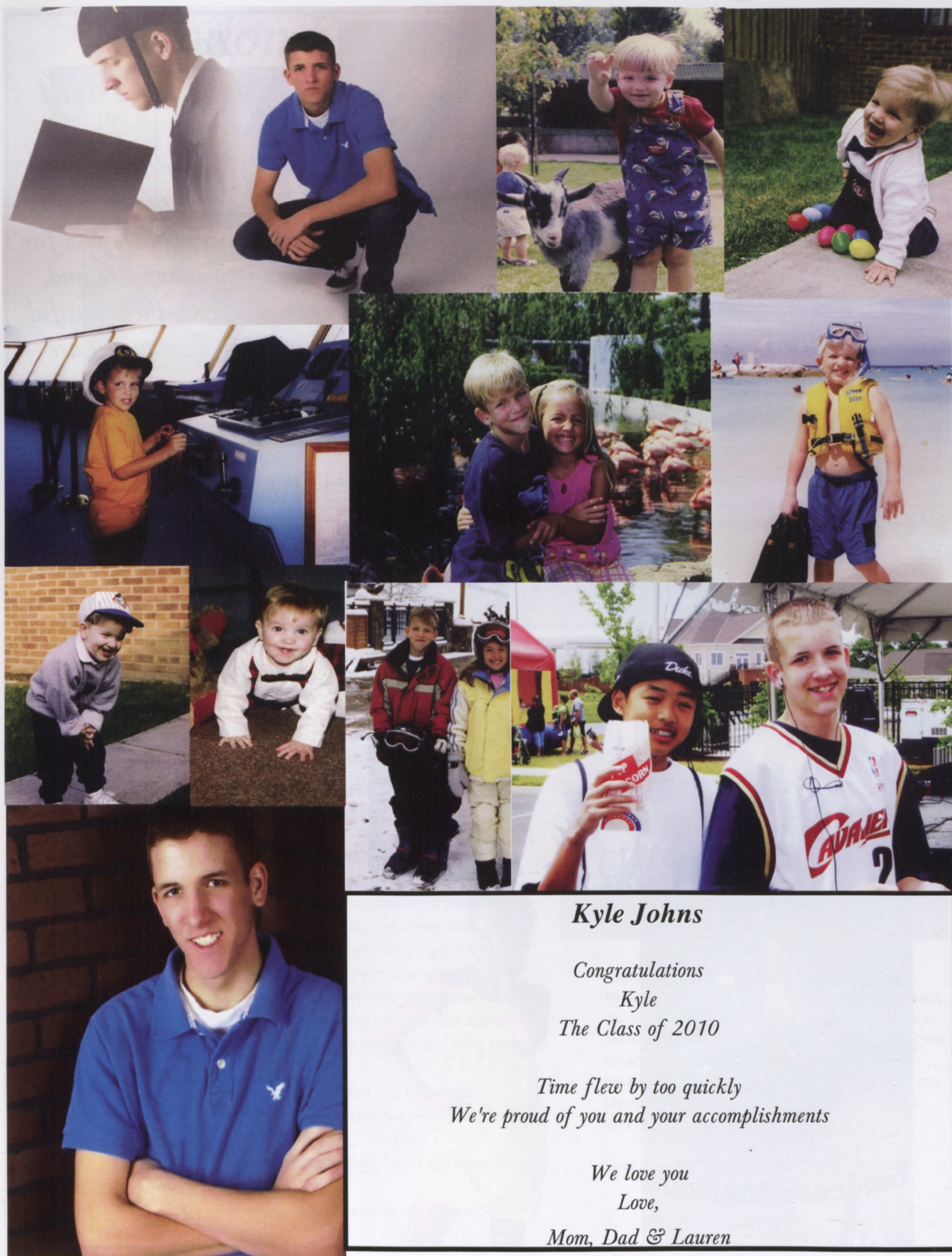
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Congratulations to our  
beautiful girl. All our  
love!

Mom, Jim, River,  
Carrlee, Courtney,  
Meadow and Raine







# **Kyle Johns**

*Congratulations  
 Kyle  
 The Class of 2010*

*Time flew by too quickly  
 We're proud of you and your accomplishments*

*We love you  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad & Lauren*



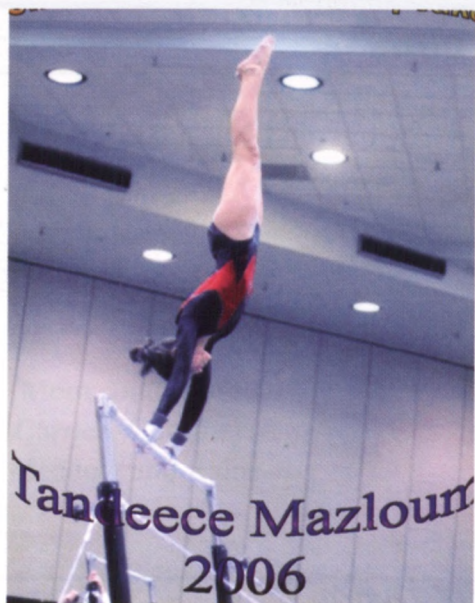
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*Tandeece,  
We are so proud of all  
you've accomplished so far  
in your young life and,  
most of all, the beautiful  
young woman you are  
becoming. You can  
achieve anything you set  
your heart and mind to  
do. Believe in yourself  
and reach for the stars -  
your dreams will become  
reality. Remember we are  
always here for you.  
Enjoy this exciting time in  
your life. We love you  
very much.*

*Mom & Dad*

*Tandeece,  
Growing up would have  
never been the same  
without my little sister  
there by my side. You  
have the potential to go so  
far in life, so stay focused  
and have a blast your  
senior year.*

*Love,  
Aryan*





# Brandon Kerns



*THE BEST KID IN THE WORLD!*

*Love, Mom & Dad*

## *From the Editors of The 2009-2010 Lynx...*

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-Editors Carly Glenn and Hannah Yelinek

## *Annie Lynn Jones*



*God has given us all so many gifts  
He's blessed you with wisdom,  
intelligence, beauty and wit.  
And each day that passes, I try to unfold,  
A new part of you, greater than gold.  
Ever changing, yet still  
The same little girl,  
Who challenges us all  
With her strong will.*

*That strong will is a gift all its own  
And that's where your wisdom comes in,  
You know when to argue and conquer,  
And when to stand and defend.  
There are so many things to be thankful  
for*

*These just touch a few  
Red hair, answered prayer, athletic and  
fun,  
But most of all, God's gift to me is you!*

*We love you, Mom and Dad*



Annie,  
I'm so proud of you. I'm proud of the person you are, and the woman you are becoming. I'm proud you've made it into a college where you can ball! Thank you for all that you are to me and even though college separates us from being one room apart, I'm only one phone call away. I love you more than you could ever imagine and I'm always here for you.

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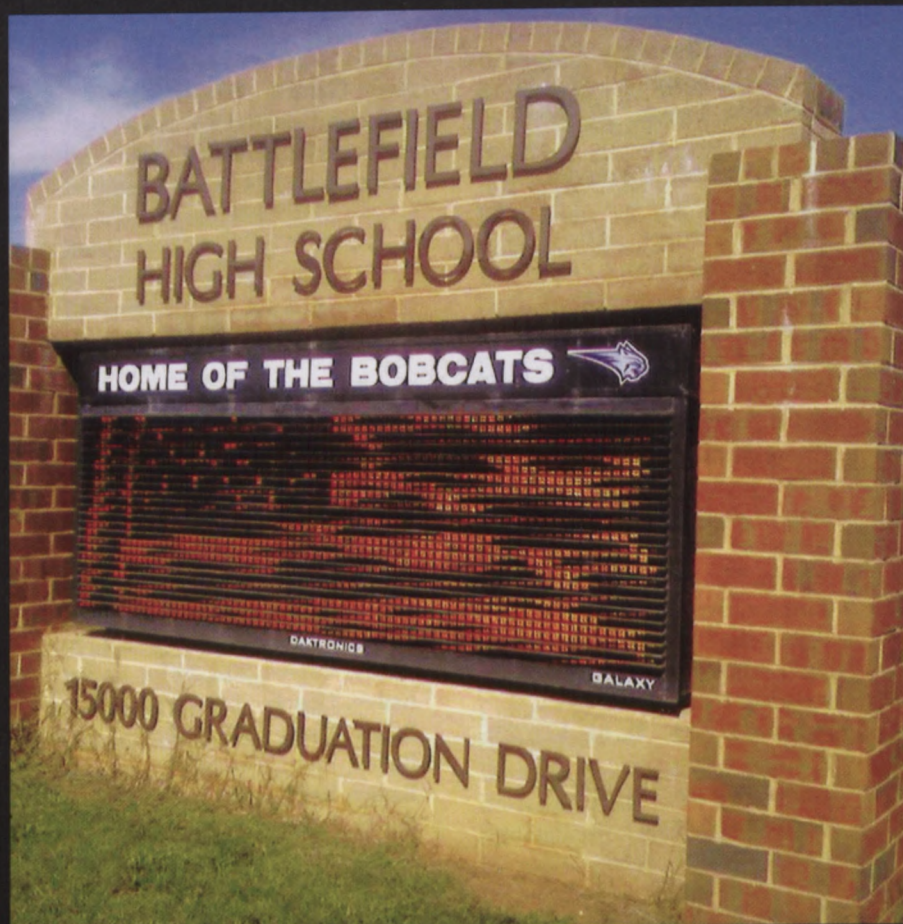
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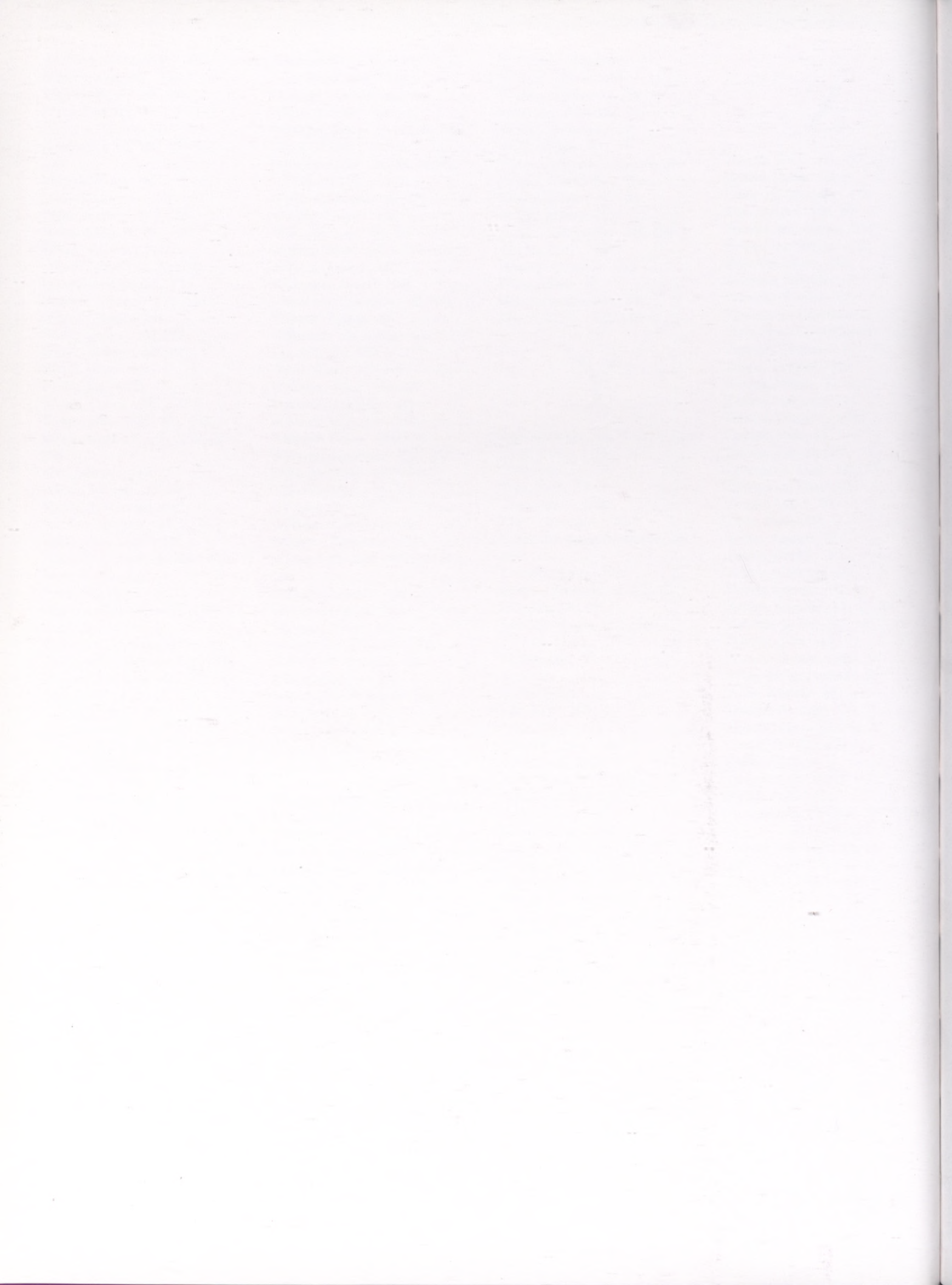


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# 1<sup>ST</sup> 100 DAYS

■ ECONOMY  
■ FOREIGN POLICY  
■ SOCIAL ISSUE

## JANUARY

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■ Signed order to close Guantanamo Bay facility

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■ Signed into law the Lilly Ledbetter Act, which helps guarantee equal pay across gender lines

## FEBRUARY

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■ Signed the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law

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■ Announced that the United States will pull troops out of Iraq completely by 2011

## MARCH

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■ Launched the foreclosure prevention program, a \$75 billion loan modification and refinancing plan

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■ Announced plan to send more troops to Afghanistan

## APRIL

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■ Attended G-20 Summit in London

# 1<sup>ST</sup> 100 DAYS

**ONCE INAUGURATED**, President Barack Obama got down to business, signing executive orders banning harsh interrogation techniques of suspected terrorists on his second day in office. The ban was Obama's first step toward closing the prisons at Guantanamo Bay. **ONE WEEK LATER**, the president signed a labor act guaranteeing equal pay for all workers. Regarding the act, Obama explained that he saw the inequality as a family issue, not just a women's issue. **ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMY** brought the \$787 billion economic stimulus package in the form of February's American Recovery

and Reinvestment Act, controversial legislation which the administration claimed sparked growth as early as the third quarter.

**A TOTAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL** from Iraq by the end of 2011 was announced on February 27, and just a month later Obama announced a renewed commitment to Afghanistan and plans to send an additional 21,000 new troops there. **LONDON'S G-20 SUMMIT** allowed leaders from nations worldwide, as well as regional groups and international institutions, to strategize ways to revive the global economy and stimulate growth.





**SOMALI PIRATES** hijacked an American ship in the Indian Ocean off the Horn of Africa and took Captain Richard Phillips hostage in April. The ship, the Maersk Alabama, was carrying food and other aid supplies for the World Food Program. The five-day ordeal ended when U.S. Navy SEAL snipers killed three pirates, freeing Phillips.

**BEA ARTHUR**, two-time Emmy award winner, died of cancer at 86. Probably best known for her *Golden Girls* character Dorothy Zbornak, Arthur began her acting career on Broadway, winning a Tony in the original stage production of *Mame*.

**A 50 TO 1 LONGSHOT** won the 135th Kentucky Derby. Jockey Calvin Borel and Mine That Bird came from behind on a muddy track to win the race by nearly seven lengths. **VOCALIST SUSAN BOYLE** became an overnight sensation on *Britain's Got Talent*. Her performance quickly became one of the most watched videos on YouTube. Despite a second-place finish in the competition, Boyle's first album, *I Dreamed a Dream*, became the biggest-selling album in the world for 2009 in just six weeks.

**NORTH CAROLINA'S TARHEELS** beat Michigan State 89-72 in the men's Final Four, avenging a title game loss to Kansas the previous season. With the help of upperclassmen Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington, Ty Lawson and Danny Green, all of whom opted to return for another year with coach Roy Williams rather than heading to the NBA, the Tarheels cruised to their fifth national title and their second in five years. A unanimous pre-season No. 1, the team was UNC's first since 1982 to start and finish the year in the nation's top spot.

**CONFICKER WORM**, a computer virus that targeted the Microsoft Windows operating system, was estimated to have infected more than 15 million computers. It was believed to be the worst computer virus since the SQL slammer worm in 2003. In February 2009, Microsoft offered a \$250,000 reward for help with finding and arresting the people who created the computer worm.

**31** Nearly 40 unemployed New Yorkers took part in the Unemployment Olympics, a day of fun and games in Manhattan's East Village planned by a recently laid-off computer software worker.



**7** The Connecticut women's basketball team won its sixth national title, defeating Louisville 76-54 in a St. Louis Final Four tagged "March to the Arch."

**12** Argentinian golfer Ángel Cabrera won the Masters at 12 under par after a three-way playoff against Americans Chad Campbell and Kenny Perry.



**23** Apple's iTunes App Store knew in advance that some lucky buyer would download the company's one billionth app on this date and they offered prizes galore.



**24** The World Health Organization expressed concern at the spread of the H1N1 influenza from Mexico and the United States to other countries.

**30** Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter announced his term-end retirement. A former attorney general from New Hampshire, Souter was appointed in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush.



**20** Arkansas singer/songwriter Kris Allen, 23, won the eighth season of *American Idol*.





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After five seasons on TLC, the Gosselins of *Jon and Kate Plus Eight* announced divorce plans. The pair, plus their twins and sextuplets, attracted nearly 10 million viewers.



**24** Mark Sanford, South Carolina's governor, admitted to his affair with a woman in Buenos Aires. He resigned as chair of the Republican Governors Association.

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Citing the desire to spend more time with her family and no interest in running for re-election, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin stepped down, transferring power to Lt. Governor Sean Parnell.



**5** Roger Federer broke Pete Sampras' 14 Grand-Slam record, beating American Andy Roddick to win the men's title at Wimbledon for the sixth time.



**21** Shweeb, the world's first human-powered monorail, attracted attention in New Zealand. Pedalled like a recumbent bike, the system created zero emissions.

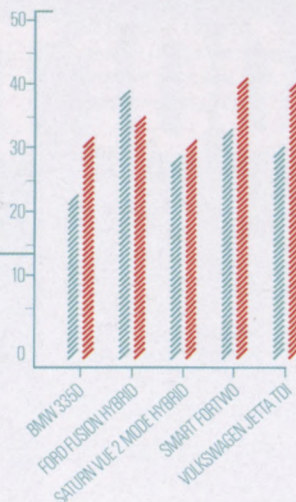
**22** The longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century was visible off the coast of Southeast Asia for six hours and 39 minutes. It'll be 2132 before that happens again.



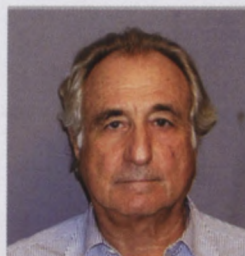
## TOP GREEN CARS OF 2009\*

FUEL ECONOMY, MPG  
CITY  
HIGHWAY

\*ACCORDING TO GREEN CAR JOURNAL'S "TOP 5 FOR 2009"



**BERNIE MADOFF** was sentenced to 150 years in prison for the multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme he perpetrated as a wealth management advisor. He pleaded guilty to 11 felonies, including securities fraud, money laundering, perjury, making false filings with the SEC and theft from an employee benefit plan. In addition to his imprisonment, the former chair of the NASDAQ stock market was ordered to forfeit \$170 billion. **U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ** was celebrated as a national holiday when Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki declared June 30 "National Sovereignty Day." In accordance with agreements with Iraq, American troops completed their withdrawal from Iraqi cities and transferred the responsibility of securing the cities to Iraqi troops. **IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS** lasted months and resulted in at least 36 confirmed deaths after it was announced that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had won re-election with nearly 63% of the vote. Results were later certified and Ahmadinejad was sworn in for a second term in office on August 5. **SERENA WILLIAMS** beat her sister, Venus, in the final match at Wimbledon to win her third Grand Slam victory of the year. Then the sisters paired to beat Aussies Samantha Stosur and Rennae Stubbs, winning the doubles title the same day. **HULU**, a free app that allowed viewers to watch television shows on the web, gained traction. Some studies showed as many as 45% of all teens watched "TV" on the internet. **AL FRANKEN**, a former Saturday Night Live comedian and satirist, finally won his seat in the Senate after the Minnesota Supreme Court rejected incumbent Norm Coleman's myriad challenges. The final recount gave Franken the victory by 312 votes. **NBA CHAMPION L.A. LAKERS** won their 15th title on June 14, defeating the Orlando Magic 99-86 to clinch the title in just five games. Lakers star Kobe Bryant was named M.V.P. after scoring 30 points in the final game and 162 in the series.





# MICHAEL JACKSON REMEMBERED

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NO. 1 SINGLES  
AS A SOLO  
ARTIST

750

MILLION  
RECORDS SOLD  
WORLDWIDE

15

GRAMMY  
AWARDS

26

AMERICAN  
MUSIC  
AWARDS

## HOW TO MOONWALK

IN FIVE EASY STEPS



1 Begin with your feet parallel. 2 Raise your left heel so that you're standing on the ball of your left foot. 3 Slide your right foot back with your weight on the ball of your left foot. 4 Switch so that your weight is on the ball of your right foot. 5 Slide your left foot back and repeat.

# 1958 2009

**THE BREAKING NEWS** of Michael Jackson's cardiac arrest and sudden death on June 25 dominated the internet causing unprecedented spikes in traffic and overwhelming social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. **TOPPING THE CHARTS** with 17 No. 1 hits (including four as a member of the Jackson 5), Jackson's 1982 *Thriller* remained the best-selling album ever. In the two weeks following his death, buyers snapped up another 2.3 million Jackson albums. In all, his world sales of more than 750 million records made him one of the best-selling recording artists ever.

**JACKSON IS CREDITED** with elevating the music video into an art form. His videos for "Billie Jean," "Beat It" and "Thriller" brought a strong crossover following to MTV. He popularized the moonwalk and the robot and influenced generations of dancers. **KNOWN AS THE KING OF POP**, Jackson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame both as a Jackson and as a solo artist. **FINAL GOODBYES** were televised from L.A.'s Staples Center where Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, Mariah Carey, John Mayer, Jennifer Hudson and Usher performed at his memorial service as millions worldwide watched.



At a ceremony marking the 64th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings, Mayor of Hiroshima Tadatashi Akiba supported U.S. President Barack Obama's call for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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Crews recovered all nine bodies after a small plane and a tour helicopter collided over the Hudson River in New York, sending both crafts spiraling from the clear, blue sky.

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Two newly discovered works by Mozart – a prelude and a concerto movement – were performed in Salzburg, Austria, Mozart's birthplace.

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Thousands of people worshipped a baby born with four arms and four legs in Nepal, revering him as the reincarnation of Ganesh.

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## TOP-SELLING DIGITAL SONGS

### 1 BOOM BOOM POW

Black Eyed Peas

### 2 I GOTTA FEELING

Black Eyed Peas

### 3 POKER FACE

Lady Gaga

### 4 RIGHT ROUND

Flo Rida featuring Ke\$ha

### 5 JUST DANCE

Lady Gaga featuring Colby O'Donis

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, now 60, the would-be assassin who took aim at President Gerald Ford in 1975 and a former follower of Charles Manson, was released after serving 34 years in prison.

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The Pirate Bay

The district court in Stockholm ordered BitTorrent tracker The Pirate Bay's largest ISP, Black Internet, to stop serving the web site in its continued effort to shut down the number one BitTorrent tracker.

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Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours" became the longest-running single in the Billboard Hot 100's history at 71 weeks, and tallied another five weeks.

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The Congressional Budget Office predicted the United States budget deficit for 2009 will reach \$1.6 trillion, the highest ever recorded.

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Reading Rainbow, the third longest-running children's show on United States public-service television network PBS, ended its 26-year run.

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**U.S. JOURNALISTS FREED** following nearly five months of detainment in North Korea were escorted home by former president Bill Clinton after he met with North Korean Dictator Kim Jong Il. Laura Ling and Euna Lee, reporters for Current TV, a media venture owned by Al Gore, had been charged with entering the country illegally to conduct a smear campaign. **KILLER WHALE RESEARCH** identified new behavior in large groups of orcas. A Journal of Ethology report cited groups of whales gathering in British Columbia, Alaska, Iceland and Antarctica to form "clubs."

While whales often live in pods of 10-20, scientists say the newly observed clubs of as many as 100 seem to allow the whales to form and maintain social ties. **SENATOR TED KENNEDY** of Massachusetts, the last surviving Kennedy brother, died at age 77 after battling brain cancer. In his 46 years as a senator, Kennedy championed labor, health care, civil rights, education and voting rights. President Barack Obama delivered the eulogy at Kennedy's August 29 funeral in Boston. In addition to the family, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Presidents

Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, and First Lady Michelle Obama also attended. Kennedy was buried at Arlington National Cemetery next to his brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. **A WEB ATTACK** targeted at a specific pro-Georgian blogger incapacitated Twitter for two hours on August 6. Twitter and other social networks like Facebook and LiveJournal were overwhelmed by denial-of-service attacks disrupting access to more than 300 million users. Botnets – thousands of infected home and workplace PCs – flooded the web with nuisance requests, cutting off access to anyone else. Twitter, the micro-blogging site where users post 140-character messages to their followers – soared in popularity in 2009. According to comScore, a Web tracking firm, the site had 44 million unique visitors in the month of June.

**SUPREME COURT JUSTICE** Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed by the Senate as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, replacing David Souter who retired in June. Sotomayor, who rose from the housing projects of the Bronx to the top of the legal profession by way of Princeton and Yale Law, made history as the nation's third female and first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.

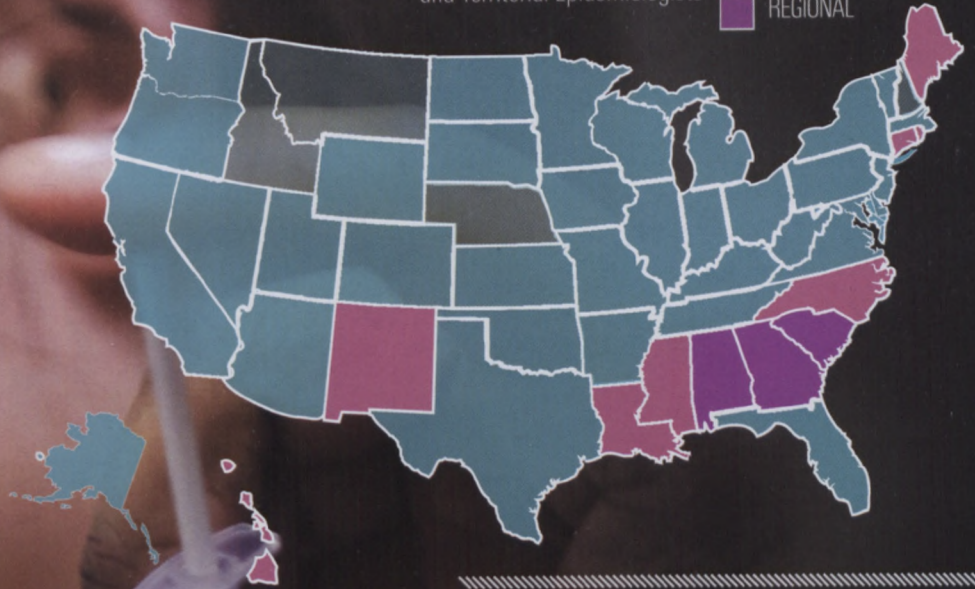




# US FLUVIEW

Influenza activity estimates reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists

- NO ACTIVITY
- SPORADIC
- LOCAL
- REGIONAL



**19** 0-17  
**33** 18-64  
**5** 65+

H1N1 CASES BY AGE GROUP (MILLIONS)\*

**11,690**

H1N1 ESTIMATED DEATHS\*

\*CDC Estimates of 2009 H1N1 Cases and Deaths from April 2009 - January 2010

# FLUSHOTS

**FLU SHOT CLINICS** were set up in workplaces and schools from coast to coast as the government and the CDC suggested that as many people as possible be vaccinated against the H1N1 virus that led to hundreds of school closings in the spring of 2009. **AN EARLY START** to the flu season meant victims were affected in higher numbers and more extremely than usual, and that the flu's peak activity came in late October and early November rather than March. Until the vaccine arrived, anyone with H1N1's potential respiratory symptoms was encouraged to stay home rather than infecting classmates or

co-workers. **IN OCTOBER**, the vaccine began arriving in both injected and nasal spray forms. Within four months, 97 million H1N1 vaccine doses had been given to 86 million people in the United States. **TRULY PANDEMIC**, the H1N1 influenza infected approximately 57 million Americans or slightly more than 18 percent of the population between April 2009 and February 2010. About 11,690 people died and nearly 260,000 were hospitalized from the viral infection, which was also known as swine flu. **THE THREAT** of an additional outbreak loomed as the annual flu season waned.





## THRIFTY TEENS

TEEN RETAILERS, ONCE THOUGHT TO BE RECESSION-PROOF, BEGAN TO SUFFER. HIGH TEEN UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARENT CUTBACKS SENT TEENS TO BARGAIN STORES AND THRIFT STORES IN ORDER TO SAVE.

### TEEN RETAIL STORES

**7.8** PERCENT  
YEAR-OVER-YEAR  
SALES DECLINE



# ECONOMIC WOES

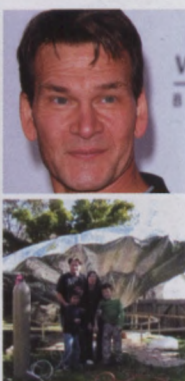
**JOB MARKET DETERIORATION** continued, despite some tentative indications that the economy was improving. The federal unemployment rate peaked at 10.1% in October, but the economy continued to shed jobs at the rate of more than 263,000 a month. Data showed a loss of 8.4 million jobs since the recession's start in December 2007. **THE UNDER-EMPLOYMENT RATE** of workers whose hours had been cut or who were working part-time for lack of full-time positions hit 17% — the highest

since they began tracking the category in 1994. **FORECLOSURE FILINGS** in the third quarter hit a record high. Despite government-led and lender-supported relief efforts, nearly a million U.S. homes — 1 in every 136 nationwide — were in foreclosure by October. **FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN** Ben Bernanke announced September 15 that the recession had "very likely ended" while warning that it may not quickly affect the unemployment rate.





**MTV'S 2009 VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS** were going to be different from the start. In addition to recognizing current work, anticipation of a Michael Jackson tribute ran high. Instead, Kanye West literally stole the show, grabbing the mic during 20-year-old country/pop star Taylor Swift's Best Female Video acceptance speech for a quick rant about Beyoncé Knowles being more deserving. Swift went on to win the Grammy for Album of the Year for her second album, *Fearless*. **ACTOR PATRICK SWAYZE** died at age 57, after suffering from pancreatic cancer for nearly two years. Of his more than 30 movies, he was best-known for his roles as romantic leading men in the films *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost*. **A GIANT MYLAR BALLOON** took off from a family's yard in northern Colorado, and nationwide panic erupted when it was reported that the six-year-old son might be aboard the 20-foot-long, saucer-shaped helium flyer. A runway at the Denver airport was shut down and search and rescue crews scoured the area below the craft's 50-mile flight path for the child, who was later found hiding in the garage. Subsequent interviews revealed that the event had been planned. The couple was billed for search services and both parents were sentenced to jail time. **THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING**, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, U.A.E. was completed on October 1 and opened on January 5, 2010. Named after the leader of neighboring oil-rich Abu Dhabi, which contributed billions of dollars to keep Dubai afloat, the building housed a hotel, offices and luxury apartments. At 2,717 feet, the tower with a public observation deck on the 124th floor was the tallest man-made structure ever built. **"BEATLES DAY"** was celebrated worldwide on 09/09/09 when re-mastered versions of The Beatles' albums were released, on the same day the video game The Beatles: Rock Band was released. In the major music markets of North America, Japan and the UK, consumers purchased more than 2.25 million copies of re-mastered albums in the first five days of release. In addition, more than half a million Rock Band units sold during the game's first month of release. Incorporating many of the gameplay features of the Rock Band series, the game included 45 songs by the popular British rock group.



**4** According to a new U.S. study, the temperatures in the arctic were their highest in 2000 years.

**9** Representative Joe Wilson, a Republican from South Carolina, shouted, "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's health care speech. Wilson later apologized for his remark.

**14** Juan Martín del Potro defeated Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters beat Caroline Wozniacki at the U.S. Open.

**22** After more than 50 years in baseball, Bobby Cox, manager of the Atlanta Braves, announced he will retire following the 2010 season.



**20** Drama series *Mad Men* and comedy *30 Rock* were the big winners at the 61st Primetime Emmy awards.



AS SEEN ON TV  
FAVORITES

SNUGGIE  
SLAP CHOP  
SHAMWOW  
BUMP-ITS

**2** The International Olympic Committee awarded the 2016 Summer Olympics to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was the first time Olympic games were held in a South American country.



**1** Paleontologists announced the Ethiopian discovery of an *Ardipithecus ramidus* fossil skeleton, deeming it the oldest fossil skeleton of a human ancestor.

**9** President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."



**22** Intended to be fully compatible with Vista applications and hardware, Microsoft operating system Windows 7 went on retail sale worldwide.

**1** Lady Gaga was named Billboard's "Rising Star." She later became the first artist in the history of Billboard's Pop Songs chart to notch four No. 1s from her debut album *Paparazzi*.



Controversy surrounded a U2 concert marking the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall when a wall was built around the celebration venue.

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After more than 4,000 episodes, the children's educational series *Sesame Street* celebrated 40 years of learning fun for the whole family.

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Voters elected new governors, both Republican, in New Jersey and Virginia. Michael Bloomberg won a third term as mayor of NYC.

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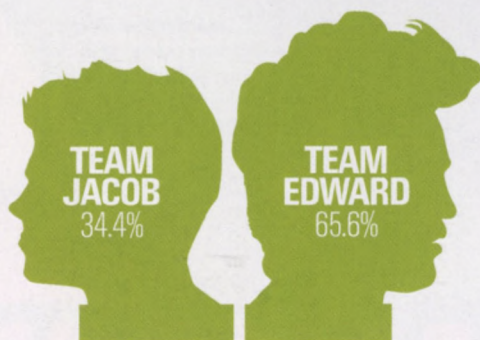
West Virginian Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate, became the longest-serving member in Congressional history with 20,774 days of service.

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## TWILIGHT: NEW MOON

PREMIERED IN THEATERS NOVEMBER 20

The second edition in the *Twilight* series had fans crazy for vampires. The film was the fourth highest grossing in the U.S. for 2009, bringing in \$296 million and causing debate among supporters of team Jacob versus team Edward.



Europe's Large Hadron Collider, which restarted November 20 after a 14-month repair, set a new world record for particle accelerations.

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Royal Caribbean cruise ship MS *Oasis of the Seas* was officially unveiled at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. At 225,282 gross tons, it was the world's largest passenger vessel.

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Ceremonies in India marked the first anniversary of a series of attacks in Mumbai by Pakistani militants which killed 174 people.

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**A YANKEES WORLD SERIES WIN** gave the team its 27th championship with a 7-3 victory over the Phillies in Game 6. Hideki Matsui, the first Japanese-born player to be named a Series M.V.P., led the Yankees' offense with six runs batted in off a homer, a single and a double. The last Yankees' title was in 2000. **THE FIRST STATE DINNER** hosted by President and Mrs. Obama toasted a growing U.S. friendship with India with an evening of regal pageantry on the White House South Lawn on November 24. Visiting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur were honored guests alongside 300 others. A tradition dating back to 1874, state dinners were the most treasured and formal honor a U.S. president could offer a foreign dignitary, and the most coveted invitation in Washington. Unbeknownst to the Obamas and to the Secret Service, a Virginia couple, Tareq and Michaela Salahi, entered the dinner without an invitation, bypassing all security checkpoints. **SHOOTINGS AT FORT HOOD** killed 13 and injured 30 on November 5. Major Nidal Malik Hasan opened fire on fellow soldiers at the Fort Hood U.S. Army base in Texas; some reports suggested he was unhappy about an upcoming deployment.

**NASCAR'S LONGEST STREAK** of consecutive series championships belonged to Jimmie Johnson, who surpassed Cale Yarbrough when he clinched his fourth title in a row, winning seven races in back-to-back seasons. **OPRAH'S PLANS** to retire when her current contract expires were announced nearly two years in advance of her final show. Media mogul/talk show host/philanthropist Oprah Winfrey said she will end her daily talk show in 2011. The show, which attracted more than seven million viewers a day, had been on the air since 1984. **SIGNS OF WATER ON THE MOON** were confirmed without question in November when a satellite intentionally crashed into a crater near the moon's South Pole. Using a two-part satellite, scientists said they created a collision, then measured the debris it created. The discovery was good news for explorers who wanted to set up labs on the lunar surface and to the scientists who hoped that the water, in the form of ancient ice, would reveal information about the history of the solar system.





# HEALTHCARE COSTS

THE AVERAGE YEARLY COST OF HEALTHCARE PER FAMILY HAS RISEN NEARLY

208 PERCENT SINCE 2000

WITHOUT CHANGES IN FEDERAL POLICY, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE WILL GROW FROM ABOUT 45 MILLION THIS YEAR TO ABOUT

54 MILLION IN 2019



## HEALTHCARE

**HEALTH CARE REFORM** was a priority for President Obama and the Democratic leaders of Congress. In November, they came close to creating a comprehensive system of national health insurance when the House approved an overhaul of the system, 220 votes to 215. **MAX BAUCUS**, Senate Finance Committee chairman, had presented a plan that included many new insurance industry regulations but no government-run health care. The Democrat from Montana believed his bill could bring together Republicans and Democrats for an ambitious overhaul of health care. **TEA PARTY**

**PROTESTS** sprung up from coast to coast, providing a platform for citizens wishing to speak their discontent. While groups of those who felt they could no longer sit still and quietly observe governmental changes that made them uncomfortable took on many traits, the newly empowered activists worked to be visible in many parts of the country. **SENATE VOTES** in November were followed by the Senate's approval of an \$871 billion bill in December. While the two Congressional branches worked to reconcile their bills, it became apparent agreement was not imminent; the debate would continue for months.

I am  
Stuck on  
Single-Payer.  
HR676  
Now!



## BY THE NUMBERS

50 km

**EPICENTER**  
7.0 MAGNITUDE  
JANUARY 12, 2010

**HAITI**

**200,000 PLUS**  
EST. DEAD

**1M** CHILDREN WHO WERE UNACCOMPANIED,  
ORPHANED OR LOST ONE PARENT

**56** AFTERSHOCKS  
(4.5 OR GREATER)

**90** PERCENT  
OF STRUCTURES NEAR  
EPICENTER DESTROYED

**9M** US DOLLARS  
AMT. PLEDGED BY TEXTING  
"HAITI" TO 90999



# HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

**DEATH AND DESTRUCTION** were apparent immediately following the temblor which struck near Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti. While fatality estimates topped 200,000, officials conceded that the burial of uncounted corpses would prohibit an exact tally. The quake, which was "felt strongly" in Cuba more than 200 miles away, damaged thousands of homes, including the president's residence. **BUSH/CLINTON HAITI RELIEF FUND**, designed to demonstrate American unity, raised more than \$17 million in under two weeks. In the month following the quake, American

charities sent more than \$790 million in charitable aid. **WYCLEF JEAN, GEORGE CLOONEY & FRIENDS** hosted concerts in New York, Los Angeles and London to raise funds for earthquake victims. Called "Hope for Haiti Now: A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief," the January 22 concerts included performances by Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Mary J. Blige, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake, Coldplay and Bono. In addition, a remake of the 25-year-old anthem "We Are the World," featuring more than 70 big names representing all genres of music, was recorded to benefit Haitian aid groups.



**JAMES CAMERON'S AVATAR** broke all kinds of records en route to becoming the highest grossing film of all time. Development of the science fiction epic spanned 15 years, partially because Cameron had previously determined that the necessary technology was not yet available to portray his visions for the film. Released for both traditional two-dimension projection and 3-D, *Avatar* was also the first film ever to gross \$2 billion, and it was nominated for nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director. **TIGER WOODS** was named the Associated Press Athlete of the Decade in December. Despite a personal scandal that led to an indefinite break from professional golf, he collected nearly as many votes as runners-up Lance Armstrong and Roger Federer combined. Woods won 64 tournaments including 12 majors and earned more than \$81 million during the decade. **A TERRORIST ATTACK** on a December 25 Northwest Airlines flight from Amsterdam to Detroit was thwarted after a student with suspected al-Qaida ties attempted to ignite explosives in flight. **FIFA WORLD CUP SOCCER** tickets went on sale globally, adding more than 1 million new seats to those nearly 700,000 tickets already sold for the June/July soccer matches in South Africa. **CONAN O'BRIEN** left NBC and *The Tonight Show* on January 22, just eight months after he took the reins from Jay Leno. Despite ongoing unsuccessful negotiations with the network, O'Brien planned a busy last week hosting Robin Williams, Barry Manilow, Tom Hanks and Will Ferrell, and he took to the stage playing 70s rock anthem "Free Bird" with the band during the closing credits of his final show. **THE U.S. HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL** passed by the Senate on December 24 was expected to extend insurance coverage to 30 million additional Americans. Following the January 27 State of the Union Address where Obama vowed not to "walk away from" his drive for health insurance reform, additional modifications were made to the White House's proposed health care plan in preparation for a February 25 televised bipartisan health care summit. The six-hour summit was covered on C-SPAN and was the day's news focus.



**1** President Obama announced he will send 30,000 American troops to Afghanistan within the next six months and begin withdrawal in 19 months.

**4** More than 50 people were killed or injured when two ferries collided on the Nile River near Rashid, Egypt.



**14** Researchers reported that the Veined Octopus retrieves coconut shell halves and uses them for protection, becoming the first known invertebrates recorded to use tools.



**15** Boeing's fuel-efficient 787 'Dreamliner,' a widebody passenger airliner made its maiden flight from Paine Field to Boeing Field in Washington state.

**31** A blue moon and partial lunar eclipse occurred. Both were rare on New Year's Eve.

## UNITED NATIONS COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

### COPENHAGEN ACCORD AT A GLANCE:

- KEEP THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE RISE < 2°C
- LIST DEVELOPED COUNTRY EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS/MITIGATION ACTION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR 2020
- \$30 BILLION SHORT-TERM FUNDING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UNTIL 2012
- \$100 BILLION ANNUALLY BY 2020 IN LONG-TERM FINANCING
- REITERATING PAST INTENTIONS SUCH AS PROVIDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND FORESTRY.

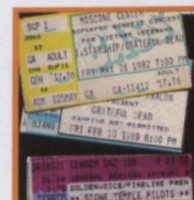
**1** 19-year-old Norwegian, Magnus Carlsen, became the world's youngest-ever top-ranked chess grandmaster, according to FIDE ratings.

**6** French computer scientist Fabrice Bellard claimed it took him 131 days to calculate pi to nearly 2.7 trillion digits.



**4** NASA's Kepler telescope detected five new 'exoplanets.'

**24** Bubble wrap, the stress reducer disguised as package cushioning, celebrated its 50th anniversary.



**25** Concert ticket sellers Live Nation and Ticketmaster completed their merger following an agreement with the United States Department of Justice.







**28** J.D. Salinger, reclusive author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, died at 91. First published in 1951, the tale of teen angst sold more than 250,000 copies per year.

**1** President Obama proposed a \$3.8 trillion budget for fiscal 2011 that foresaw the deficit hitting a record \$1.6 trillion in 2010.

**4** Internet giant Yahoo! sold HotJobs to Monster.com for \$225 million.

**5** Category 4 cyclone Oli hit Tahiti and other islands of French Polynesia.



**1** Ending one of the music industries' most notable snubs, AC/DC won their first-ever Grammy Award for Best Hard Rock Performance.

## APP-PLY YOURSELF



**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPS SOLD (IN MILLIONS)**



**TOTAL NUMBER OF SMART PHONES SOLD**

**11**

**USERS DOWNLOAD AVERAGE/MONTH**

2009 2010 2013 SOURCES: GARTNER AND CREDIT SUISSE

SLIDE TO UNLOCK

**9** Google Buzz, an online social networking application that integrated with all of Google's other services, was released.

**12** A shooting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville left three science faculty members dead.



**14** Montreal's Alexandre Bilodeau, 22, won the gold medal for men's moguls, earning Canada's first-ever gold on home soil.

**19** Adobe Photoshop, software that redefined creativity in the digital world, celebrated 20 years of success.



**18** An Austin, TX man crashed his plane into an office tower, killing himself and an IRS worker, after years of unresolved tax disputes.

## SNOW BLANKETED THE NATION

encompassing all 50 states on February 13 after a dusting on the Florida panhandle. Hawaii did not receive new snow, but had a base at the peaks of the state's highest volcanoes. Record snowfall affected many parts of the country this winter, from the Midwest where 50-year-old records for most days with 4" or more of snow cover were smashed by more than five weeks, to the mid-Atlantic states where record snowfalls from December to February broke 100-year-old seasonal snowfall records the first week in February.

## BEYONCÉ WON SIX GRAMMYS

including Song of the Year for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," and became the first woman to win six awards in the same night. Only Michael Jackson (1984) and Carlos Santana (2000) had won more awards in a single year. **APPLE'S IPAD RELEASED** on January 27 to mixed reviews. The new "digital tablet" brings Apple's sleek design and functionality to the masses for an affordable price. Weighing just 1.5 pounds, the iPad is lighter than a laptop, but users will be able to browse the web, access email, watch movies, read books and more. In addition, Apple created 12 innovative new apps for the iPad, which will also run almost all of the more than 140,000 apps available in the App Store.

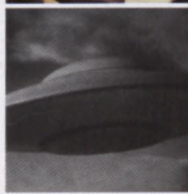
## BRITAIN'S UFO FILES

made public to civilians in January, totalled more than 6,000 pages detailing sightings from 1994 - 2000. The fifth (and largest) release ever was intended to make access available to a wider audience.

**MOBILE CARRIERS JOIN FORCES** to rival Apple's App Store. AT&T, China Mobile, China Unicom, Sprint and Verizon were among the first companies to unite, creating a centralized location for apps for a variety of mobile devices possible because of cross-platform development. The Wholesale Applications Community will represent more than three billion customers worldwide.

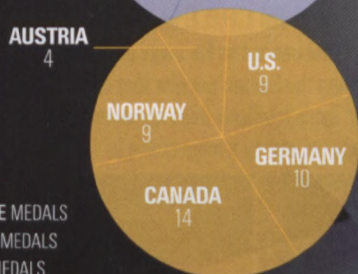
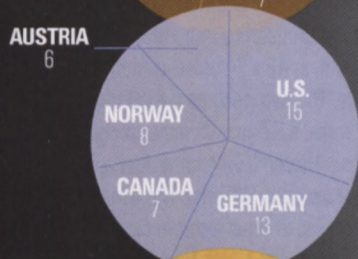
**OLYMPIC SKIER BODE MILLER** won three more medals at the 2010 Winter Olympics (super combined gold, Super G silver and downhill bronze) bringing the four-time World Champion's record Olympic tally to five.

**SUPER BOWL XLIV**, the most-watched Super Bowl and the most-viewed program in television history, saw the New Orleans Saints defeat Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17. The Saints, who became just the fourth team ever to win in their first Super Bowl appearance, won with a key defensive play on an interception by defensive back Tracy Porter, and a nearly perfect offensive game by QB Drew Brees.





# OLYMPIC STATS



● BRONZE MEDALS  
● SILVER MEDALS  
● GOLD MEDALS

**40.6** DEGREES FAHRENHEIT  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF  
VANCOUVER IN FEBRUARY

**600M** DOLLARS  
DIRECTLY SPENT ON  
HOSTING THE WINTER GAMES

**12** THOUSAND PEOPLE  
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CANADIANS WHO  
CARRIED THE TORCH FOR OPENING CEREMONY

# WINTER OLYMPICS

**PRE-OPENING TRAGEDY** struck the games during a practice session on February 12 when 21-year-old Nodar Kumaritashvili, representing the Republic of Georgia in the luge, lost control of his sled and died. **VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA** hosted the 2010 Winter Games, bringing the competition to Canada for just the second time since its inception in 1924. Nearly 2,650 athletes from 82 nations competed in 15 sports and 89 separate medal events. **SPEEDSKATER APOLO ANTON OHNO** added three new medals to his previous five Olympic medals from Salt Lake City and Turin. Ohno broke

Bonnie Blair's record, becoming the most decorated American Winter Olympian ever. **TWO-TIME WORLD CUP CHAMPION LINDSEY VONN** became the first American female to win Olympic downhill gold. Vonn skied all five of her scheduled events with a bruised shin, medaling in two. **SNOWBOARDER SHAUN WHITE** defended his Olympic gold in the halfpipe with a first run so strong he secured his victory. In a celebratory second run, he debuted a Double McTwist 1260 (which he named The Tomahawk). The new trick contributed to a record score of 48.4, increasing his margin of victory by 1.6 points.





# THEN AND NOW

2000-2010, A LOOK AT THE LAST DECADE

**4.5 BIL**

**AVG. # OF TEXTS SENT PER DAY**

(400,000 avg./day in 2000)

**300 MIL**

**AVERAGE GOOGLE SEARCHES PER DAY**

(10 million avg./day in 2000)

**247 BIL**

**AVG. # OF EMAILS SENT PER DAY**

(12 billion avg./day in 2000)

**\$7.25**

**.MIN. WAGE**

**\$5.15** in 2000

**39% FACEBOOK**  
**31% MYSPACE**  
**28% YOUTUBE**

## PERCENTAGE OF ONLINE TIME SPENT ON THESE SITES BY 2009 TEENS

Yahoo (11%), MTV.com (6%), Hotmail (5%) in 2000

## BEST PICTURE WINNER

2000 **GLADIATOR**

2009 **SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE**

## BEST SONG

2000 **"BEAUTIFUL DAY" - U2**

2009 **"SINGLE LADIES (PUT A RING ON IT)" - BEYONCÉ**



**iPOD**

**2000** The first generation iPod was released. It boasted a 5 GB hard drive with the ability to hold nearly 1000 songs. **2009**

The third generation iPod Touch was introduced. With a touch-screen interface, 64 GB of memory and the ability to download apps, it was deemed the ultimate in portable entertainment. **Cost of both: \$399**

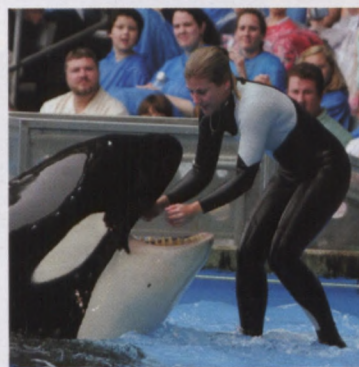


**TV** WHAT TEENS ARE WATCHING

**2000 GUYS:** *The Simpsons* and *Friends*  
**GIRLS:** *Friends* and *Dawson's Creek*/*The Simpsons*

**2009 GUYS:** *Family Guy* and *The Simpsons*  
**GIRLS:** *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* and *Gossip Girl*

**TILIKUM THE ORCA** was not in the pool when SeaWorld Orlando's show, *Believe: The Sensational Shamu Show*, reopened just three days after the six-ton orca attacked and drowned veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau on February 24. The show featured trainers using hand signals to instruct the whales to leap, twirl and wave to or splash the audience. **AN OVERTIME VICTORY** in hockey gave Canada the Olympic gold the host nation craved on the last day of Winter Games. The 3-2 win over Team U.S.A. came 7:40 into the extra period when 22-year-old Sidney Crosby sent goalie Ryan Miller a surprise wrist shot. Miller was the series M.V.P. and Crosby, a native of Nova Scotia, became the youngest ever captain of a Stanley Cup-winning team in 2009, when his Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Detroit Red Wings four games to three. **CANADA'S JOANNIE ROCHETTE** captured viewers' hearts, competing in women's figure skating after her mother succumbed to a heart attack in Vancouver just days before. The 24-year-old from Quebec took bronze and became one of the most personal stories of the Vancouver Games. Korea's Yu-Na Kim became her country's first-ever Olympic figure skating medalist when she broke the 200-point mark and captured the gold medal. **AN ICEBERG COLLISION WITH ANTARCTICA** dislodged another massive block of ice from the continent in February. The original iceberg, known as B9B, measured 60 miles in length and had broken free from Antarctica more than 20 years ago. The new iceberg weighed in at roughly 700 billion tons and, at 48 x 24 miles, contained the equivalent of one fifth of the world's annual total water usage. The two icebergs drifted together off the east coast of Antarctica. **U.S. BOBSLED GOLD** ended a 62-year Olympic drought for America when two-time World Champion Night Train pilot Steve Holcomb with crew Justin Olsen and Steve Mesler and brakeman Curtis Tomasevich dominated action in Whistler. The win meant Germany's Andre Lange, who took gold in the two-man race, failed in his attempt to capture five Olympic golds in as many attempts. **AN 8.8 EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE** on February 27 toppled buildings, left more than 300 dead and caused tsunami evacuations as far away as Hawaii and Japan. While the quake was significantly more powerful than the Haitian temblor that caused massive devastation in January, the damage was minimized by its relatively deep epicenter and strict Chilean building codes that followed massive damage caused by a huge quake in 1960.









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